



Approvals Performance Report Second Quarter 2016 (1 April – 30 June 2016)

In the second quarter 2016, the department achieved an average of 98 per cent of all applications finalised within target timelines.

Highlights include:

- 98 per cent of mineral prospecting licence applications were finalised within 65 business days
- 98 per cent of mineral exploration Programme of Work (PoW) applications were finalised within 30 business days
- 100 per cent of petroleum well applications were finalised within 40 business days.

A review of petroleum compliance approval performance has resulted in an improved performance (79 per cent) for this quarter (previously 33 per cent).

Summary for financial year 2015/16

A total of 6714 mining and petroleum applications were received by the department during the 2015/16 financial year. This included:

- 3685 mining tenure applications
- 2066 mining environmental applications
- 84 mining safety applications
- 879 petroleum applications.

Ninety five per cent of these applications were finalised within target timelines. Figure 1 provides information about mineral exploration activity (PoW) applications received by the department. The number of PoW applications received can be a broad indication of the level of mineral exploration activity in the State.

Figure 1: No. of Programme of Work applications received (FY 2009/10 – 2015/16)

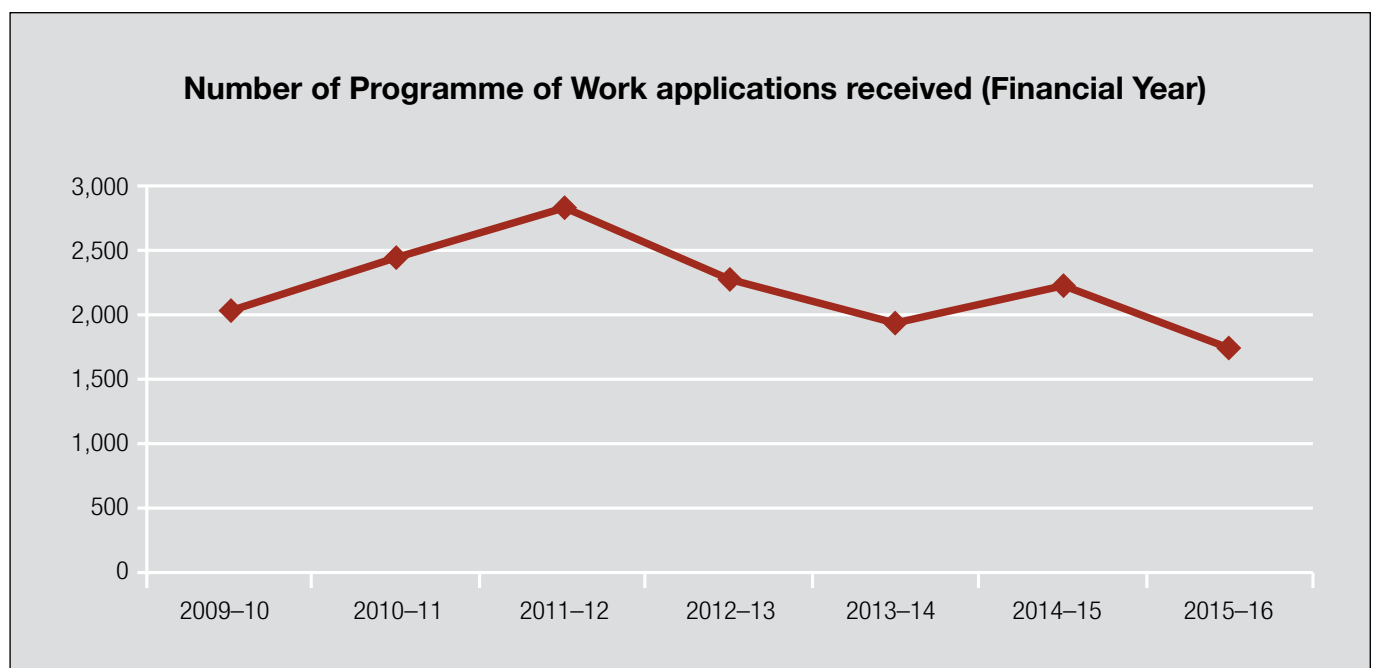


TABLE 1: DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE JUNE QUARTER 2016

Minerals Sector								
Timeline target (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total No. finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter	
Tenure applications								
Data used to assess performance against the timeline target only applies to applications received since 1 January 2009 (when the tracking of applications commenced). The total number of applications in the system have been separated into two categories – those received since 1/1/2009 and those received prior.								
Prospecting Licence	65	1091	359	210	46	205	97%	1240
- pre 1/1/09*		27		0				27
Exploration Licence	65	1819	614	362	169	360	99%	2071
- pre 1/1/09		71		8				63
Mining Lease	65	192	46	28	15	28	100%	210
- pre 1/1/09		234		19				215
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Leases)	65	316	55	42	22	42	100%	329
- pre 1/1/09		68		0				68
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	130	460	424	18	414	98%	166
Mining Proposal	30	140	97	84	11	78	93%	153
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	55	45	48	6	45	94%	52
Note: DMP assess resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications via a delegation from the Department of Environment Regulation. DMP's approval performance target is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within 60 calendar days.								
Mine safety applications								
Project Management Plan	30	13	25	15	0	15	100%	23
Radiation Management Plans	30	0	5	4	2	4	100%	1

Petroleum and Geothermal Sector								
Target timeline (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total number finalised	No. refused, rejected or withdrawn	Total no. finalised within timeline target	% finalised within timeline target	No. carried over to next quarter	
Petroleum tenure and activity applications # Note 2								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	28	19	29	8	23	79%	18
Joint Authority Decision	20	45	43	39	3	38	97%	49
Exploration Permit	120	48	1	7	2	7	100%	42
Other Title	120	2	5	0	0	0	–	7
Other Activity	40	0	4	2	0	2	100%	2
Pipeline Licence	90	3	3	1	0	0	0%	5
Prod. Licence	120	5	0	0	0	0	–	5
Retention Lease	90	1	0	0	0	0	–	1
Survey	40	2	4	0	0	0	–	1
Well	40	71	102	84	1	84	100%	89
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	26	70	73	37	73	100%	23
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	1	3	2	1	2	100%	2
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	3	12	13	2	13	100%	2

Note 1: * Denotes calendar days instead of business days.