



Approvals Performance Report (April – June 2015)

The approval performance target for the department is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within the target timeline.

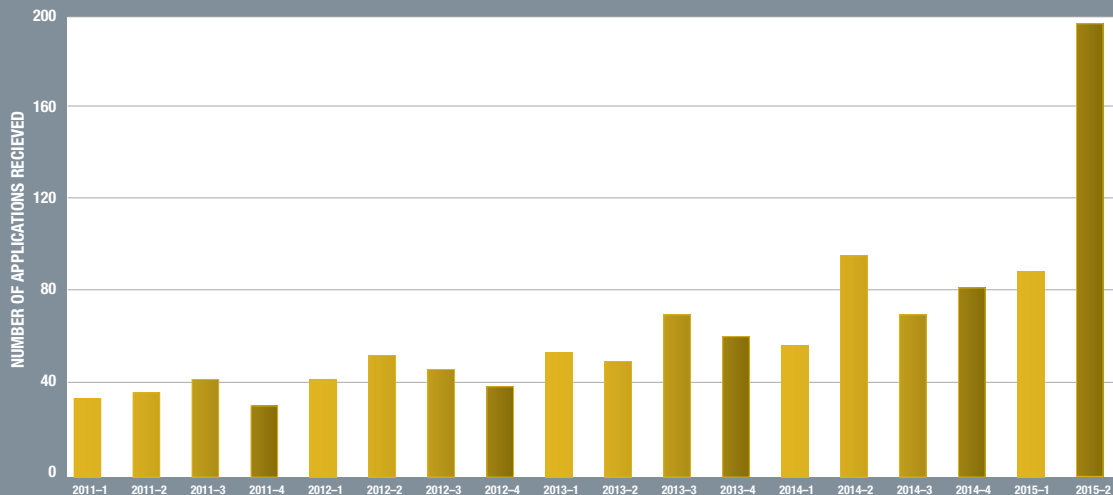
The Department's 2Q 2015 approvals performance continued to be at high levels across key approval areas. Highlights include:

- A record number of mineral prospecting applications were received (197);
- 100% of petroleum well applications (22) were assessed within target timelines; and
- 100% of new and revised petroleum safety case and safety management systems application were assessed within the statutory timelines.

Mineral prospecting trends

The graph below shows the number of mineral "Programme of Work" prospecting applications received by the department from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2015. The Department received 197 Programmes of Work (prospecting) during the June quarter. This is more than double the previous quarter and is a response to the planned introduction of new mineral exploration and mining fees on 1 July 2015. These have now been deferred whilst the Mining Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 is being considered by Parliament.

Quarterly Comparison: 2011-1 to 2015-2
Programme of Work – Prospecting



DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE – SECOND QUARTER 2015 (April – June 2015)

DMP timeline targets, approval performance measures and number of applications carried over to the next quarter are provided for key approval processes. The timeline targets apply to assessment processes for approvals completed within DMP, and do not include, for example, the time taken for assessment by other government agencies or where the assessment process is put on hold while additional information is being sought from applicants.

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No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total No. finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no.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	998	211	250	54	239	96%	959
- pre 1/1/09*		50		19				31
Exploration Licence	65	1928	457	579	303	558	96%	1806
- pre 1/1/09		112		14				98
Mining Lease	65	173	20	20	7	18	90%	173
- pre 1/1/09		346		47				299
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	361	36	64	19	60	94%	333
- pre 1/1/09		85		1				84
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	197	742	596	31	582	98%	343
Mining Proposal	30	120	99	75	21	67	89%	144
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	51	45	59	1	57	97%	37
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	19	21	24	3	24	100%	16
Radiation Management Plans	30	4	3	6	3	5	83%	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	23	10	10	1	6	60%	23
Joint Authority Decision	20	63	75	63	2	46	73%	75
Exploration Permit	120	61	13	8	4	8	100%	66
Other Title	120	7	0	6	3	6	100%	1
Other Activity	40	0	2	2	1	2	100%	0
Pipeline Licence	90	6	2	4	1	2	50%	4
Prod. Licence	120	7	0	0	0	0		7
Retention Lease	90	4	0	1	1	1	100%	3
Survey	40	13	8	16	3	6	38%	6
Well	40	52	22	18	0	18	100%	56
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	26	89	72	41	71	99%	42
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	6	5	0	5	100%	1
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	0	7	4	3	4	100%	0

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

Note 2: Effective 1 July 2014, Petroleum Tenure and Activity applications include additional categories of petroleum applications.