



## Approvals Performance Report Third Quarter 2016 (1 July – 30 Sept 2016)

The department continued the high level of approval performance in the third quarter of 2016 with an average of 98.2% of all applications finalised with target timelines.

Highlights include:

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

### Trends and Highlights

The increasing trend in the number of mineral exploration applications received continued into the September quarter.

The number of Programmes of Work (prospecting and exploration) received this quarter increased to 500, the fourth consecutive increase since 4Q 2015.

There were 515 applications for exploration licence tenure compared to 406 the same period last year.

Ninety four per cent of all petroleum applications were completed within target timelines.

Figure one below illustrates the increasing trend in the number of Programme of Work applications received by the department over the last 12 months.

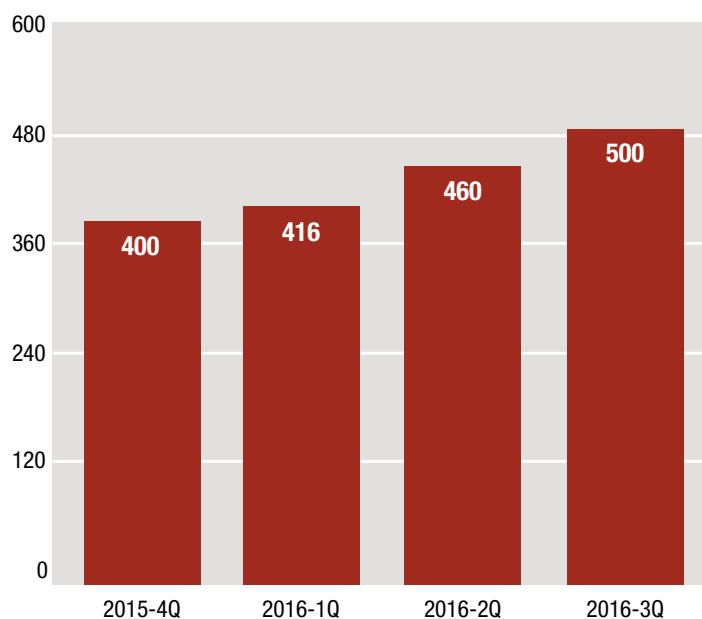


Figure 1: The number of prospecting and exploration activity applications received per quarter for the last 12 months.

**TABLE 1: DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE SEPTEMBER 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No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total No. finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no.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
<b>Tenure applications</b>								
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	1240	653	373	65	370	99%	1520
- pre 1/1/09*		27		1				26
Exploration Licence	65	2070	515	508	172	498	98%	2077
- pre 1/1/09		61		8				55
Mining Lease	65	210	37	29	11	21	72%	218
- pre 1/1/09		234		33				201
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Leases)	65	329	65	67	11	64	96%	327
- pre 1/1/09		68		5				63
<b>Exploration and mining applications</b>								
Programme of Work	30	167	500	452	14	441	98%	215
Mining Proposal	30	153	74	78	12	70	90%	149
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	52	56	58	4	51	88%	50
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.								
<b>Mine safety applications</b>								
Project Management Plan	30	23	18	27	3	27	100%	14
Radiation Management Plans	30	1	1	1	0	1	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
<b>Petroleum tenure and activity applications</b> # Note 2								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	19	28	17	8	16	94%	30
Joint Authority Decision	20	49	37	33	4	32	97%	53
Exploration Permit	120	48	2	114	14	14	100%	36
Other Title	120	6	2	3	3	3	100%	5
Other Activity	40	2	2	4	0	4	100%	0
Pipeline Licence	90	5	1	3	0	3	100%	3
Prod. Licence	120	5	0	0	0	0	–	5
Retention Lease	90	1	0	0	0	0	–	1
Survey	40	6	3	4	3	4	100%	5
Well	40	89	15	54	2	48	89%	50
<b>Petroleum environmental and safety applications</b>								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	22	82	77	43	76	99%	27
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	2	5	5	2	5	100%	2
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	2	15	14	0	14	100%	3

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