



Approvals Performance Report

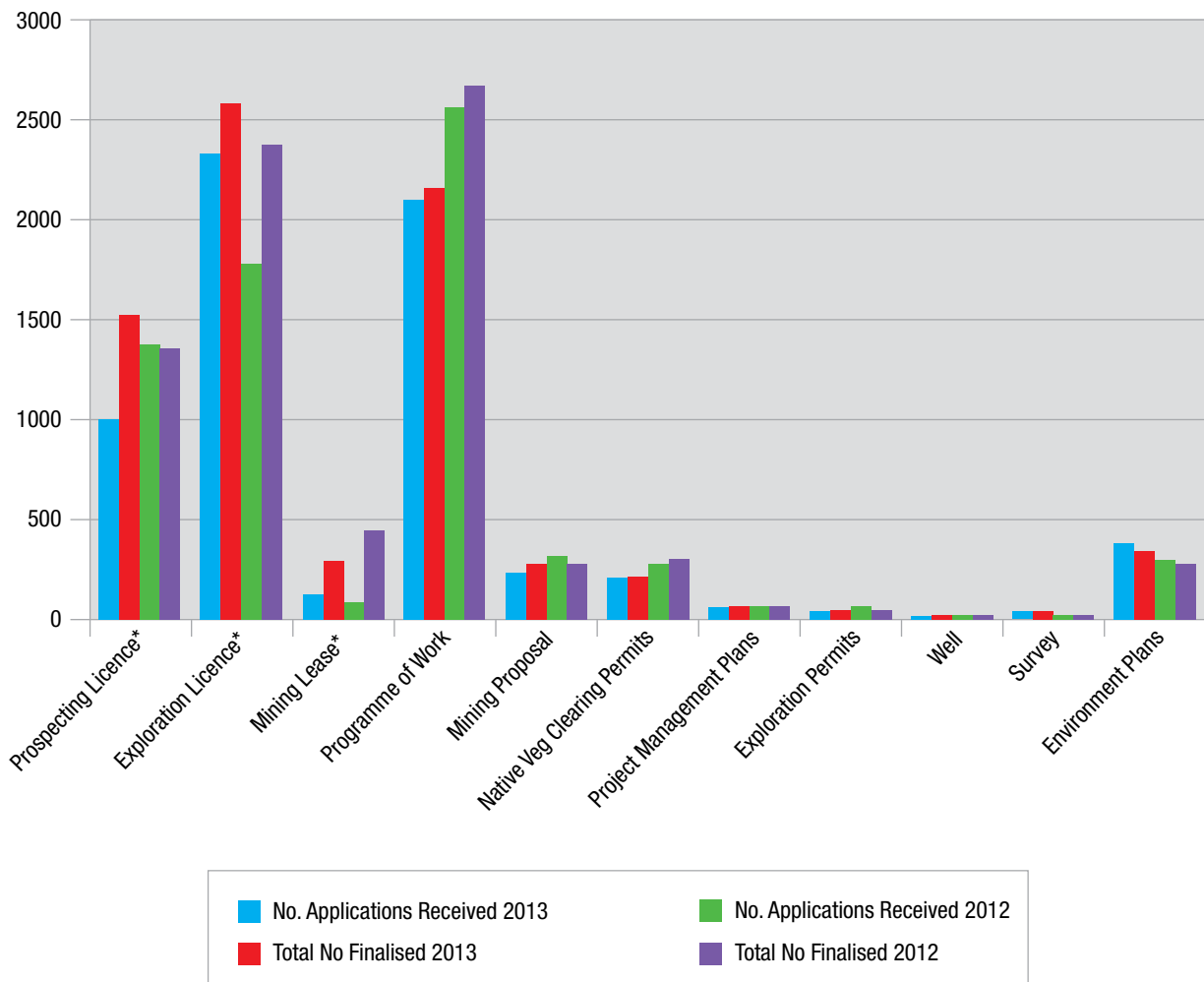
During the December quarter 2013, DMP continued to show improvement across the majority of key approvals.

The department's electronic information systems showed it received a total of 920 mineral tenure applications comprising 602 Exploration Licences, 213 Prospecting Licences, 44 Miscellaneous Licences, 50 Mining Leases, 10 General Purpose Leases and one Retention Licence. The department's Mineral Titles Division finalised 94 per cent of mineral exploration licence applications and 98 per cent of prospecting licences within the target of 65 business days.

DMP received 405 Programme of Work applications and 54 mining proposals, 96 per cent of Programme of Work applications and 97 per cent of Mining Proposals were finalised within the target of 30 business days, a significant improvement from the previous quarter (64 per cent).

The chart below shows the number of applications received and finalised during 2012 and 2013.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND FINALISED DURING 2012 AND 2013



* Includes Pre 2009 applications

Forty six Native Vegetation clearing permit applications were received by the Environment Division during this quarter. 86 per cent of these applications were finalised within the target timeline of 60 calendar days. This improvement to the previous quarterly performance (75 per cent) is the result of the full implementation of a more risk based approach to the assessment process.

The Department received 21 mine safety Project Management Plans (PMP's) and four Radiation Management Plans (RMPs) during the December quarter. One hundred per cent per cent of PMP's and RMPs were finalised within the target of 30 business days.

The Department received 53 Petroleum and Geothermal Title Grant/Renewal and Operational applications for the quarter. Petroleum performance was below target with none of the 5 exploration permit applications finalised within the target time frame. However, the backlog of survey applications was significantly reduced over the Christmas period with 34 out of 57 new and pending applications being finalised, 56 per cent of petroleum survey applications were finalised within 40 working days and 100 per cent of petroleum well applications were finalised within the agreed timeframes for the same period. A total of 112 petroleum environment plans and oil spill contingency plans were received for planned petroleum activities in the State, 95 per cent of petroleum environmental plans and 100 per cent of oil spill contingency plans were finalised within the target of 30 business days.

2013 Performance

The overall performance for the year was positive. A restructure in the Petroleum and Environment Divisions and the continued Reforming Environmental Regulation programme will yield further positive results for industry in 2014.

The Departments electronic information system showed that for the whole calendar year for 2013 DMP finalised 2361 Exploration Licences, 93 per cent within the agreed timeframes. In addition, 211 of the pre 2009 Exploration Licence applications were finalised. There were 1446 Prospecting Licences were finalised, 96 per cent within the agreed timeframe. Additionally there were 81 of the pre 2009 Prospecting applications finalised. Eighty five per cent of the 87 Mining Leases and 216 of the pre 2009 Mining Lease applications were finalised within the agreed timeframe.

The department finalised 284 Mining Proposals and 2158 Programmes of Work during 2013. Seventy four per cent of Mining Proposals and 86 per cent of Programmes of Work were finalised within the agreed timeframe. Note, the number of POWs finalised in 2012 was 2653.

DMP received 70 Project Management Plans, with 66 being finalised during the year and 94 per cent being finalised within the agreed timeframe.

DMP received 43 Exploration Permit applications with 53 per cent finalised within the agreed timeframe; the number is down from 2012 when DMP received 53 Exploration Permit applications. Petroleum Environment finalised 321 applications, 97 per cent within the agreed timeframe.

DMP made some significant process changes during 2013 to a more outcome based approach that required a change in focus and expansion of electronic systems. Nevertheless, despite some issues with performance during the year, which have been addressed, the majority of applications met the target of 80 per cent finalised within the agreed timeframe.

DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE – FOURTH QUARTER 2013

The below table provides information regarding the number of mining and petroleum applications received by the department during the specified period. DMP timeline target, approval performance measures and number of applications carried over to the next quarter are provided for key approval processes. The timeline target applies to processes completed by DMP and does 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	1,012*	213	335	68	328	98%	890
- pre 1/1/09*		111		23				88
Exploration Licence	65	2,167*	602	560	309	524	94%	2,209*
- pre 1/1/09		325		31				294
Mining Lease	65	190	50	21	10	17	81%	219
- pre 1/1/09		443*		18				425
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	405	55	75	26	71	95%	385
- pre 1/1/09		122		0				122
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	262*	405	490	29	471	96%	177
Mining Proposal	30	111	54	68	5	66	97%	97
Native Veg. Clearing Permit**	60 calendar days*	30	46	43	1	37	86%	33
**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	8*	21	15	0	15	100%	15
Radiation Mngt. Plans	30	7	4	8	0	8	100%	3

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								
These applications include the grant or renewal of titles for Exploration Permits, Production Licences, Retention Leases, Pipeline Licences, Infrastructure Licences, Special Prospecting Authorities and Access Authorities. Key approval processes under "Surveys" include operational activities for special prospecting /access authorities, scientific investigations, geothermal tenure applications and survey applications. Wells include petroleum applications and Greenhouse gas applications.								
Exploration Permits	120	69	21	5	4	0	0%	85
Production Licence Retention Leases	90	8	0	0	0	0	0%	8
Pipeline Licences	90	4	4	0	0	0	0%	8
Wells	40	6*	7	8	0	8	100%	5
Surveys	40	36*	21	34	9	19	56%	23
Petroleum environmental applications								
Incorporates environmental management plans, bridging documents and oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plans	30	93*	107	112	68	106	95%	88

Note 1: An audit reconciliation process has resulted in changes to the carry over figures.