



Approvals Performance Report (April – June 2014)

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

During this period, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) finalised the majority of key approval processes within the target and statutory timelines.

The department's electronic information systems recorded a total of 808 mineral tenure applications comprising 492 Exploration Licences, 250 Prospecting Licences, 42 Miscellaneous Licences, 15 Mining Leases, 2 Retention Licences and 7 General Purpose Leases. Ninety seven per cent of mineral exploration licence applications and prospecting licences were finalised within the timeline target of 65 business days.

DMP received 461 Programme of Work exploration applications and 64 mining proposals. Ninety seven per cent of Programme of Work applications and 92 per cent of Mining Proposals were finalised within the timeline target of 30 business days.

Sixty seven native vegetation clearing permit applications were received during the quarter. Eighty seven per cent of these applications were finalised within the target timeline of 60 calendar days.

The Department received 15 mine safety Project Management Plans (PMP's) and seven Radiation Management Plans (RMP's) during the quarter. One hundred per cent of PMP's and RMP's were finalised within the target of 30 business days.

Petroleum safety approval performance data was introduced 1 January 2014 to this Report. New safety case/safety management systems have a statutory timeline of 90 calendar days and revised safety case/safety management systems have a statutory timeline of 30 calendar days. During the quarter, 29 new and revised safety case, safety management system, diving safety and pipeline management plans were accepted by the Department. All petroleum safety submissions were accepted within the statutory timelines.

The Department received 15 Petroleum Exploration Permit, Exploration Permit renewal, Pipeline Licence, survey and well applications for the quarter. Petroleum tenure, well and survey performance measures were below target timelines and the Department is reviewing options in order to elevate performance. A total of 116 petroleum environment plans and oil spill contingency plans were received for planned petroleum activities in the State. Ninety six per cent of petroleum environmental applications were finalised within the target time.

DMP Approval Performance Summary 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

During the 2013/14 financial year, the department received 3327 mineral tenure applications and finalised over 90 per cent of applications within the target timeline. The department received 2181 mineral prospecting, exploration and development activity applications. These include 289 prospecting applications, 1646 mineral exploration applications and 244 mining proposals. Eighty eight per cent of mining proposals, 96 per cent of exploration applications and 98 per cent of prospecting applications were finalised within 30 business days.

Two hundred and eight petroleum applications, renewals, variations, dealings and other transactions were finalised by the Department during this period. Petroleum approval performance has generally been below target timelines throughout this period. A review of petroleum approval performance is in progress.

The Department received seventy seven Project Management Plans (PMP's) and Radiation Management Plans (RMP's) during the 2013/14 financial year. Ninety seven per cent of PMP's and 90 per cent of RMP's were finalised within target timelines during this period. The Department introduced petroleum safety approval performance measures from 1 January 2014. Since then, twenty nine petroleum safety applications were finalised. All applications were assessed within the statutory timelines.

Online lodgement

During this quarter, the percentage of mineral and petroleum tenure applications lodged online were as follows:

- Prospecting Licences 32%
- Exploration Licences 72%
- Mining Leases 47%
- Miscellaneous Licence 40%
- Petroleum Production Licence 100%

During this period, the percentage of mining and petroleum activity applications lodged online were as follows:

- Mining Proposals 69%
- Programme of Work (Exploration) 100%
- Programme of Work (Prospecting) 0%
- Petroleum Environment Plans and Oil Spill Contingency Plans 83%
- Resource Safety Project Management Plans 100%
- Radiation Management Plans 40%

The Department is committed to progressively phasing out paper based applications by mid-2016.

DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE – SECOND QUARTER 2014 (April – June 2014)

The table below 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	813	250	258	32	250	97%	805
- pre 1/1/09*		88		3				85
Exploration Licence	65	2087	492	525	281	511	97%	2054
- pre 1/1/09		294		114				180
Mining Lease	65	182	15	16	6	13	81%	181
- pre 1/1/09		425		12				413
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	371	51	65	21	65	100%	357
- pre 1/1/09		122		13				109
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	209	559	497	36	481	97%	271
Mining Proposal	30	99	64	56	7	46	82%	107
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	33	67	54	3	47	87%	46
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	12	15	19	3	19	100%	8
Radiation Mngt. Plans	30	4	7	7	4	7	100%	4

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	85	1	11	5	2	18%	75
Production Licence Retention Leases	90	8	6	0	0	0	0%	14
Pipeline Licences	90	5	1	2	0	1	50%	4
Wells	40	6	1	4	1	4	100%	3
Surveys	40	20	6	6	2	0	0%	20
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Incorporates environment plans, environmental management plans, oil spill contingency plans, safety case, safety management systems and related plans.								
Environmental Plans	30	73	116	126	76	121	96%	62
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	11	11	2	11	100%	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	0	9	8	0	8	100%	1

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

Note 2: Petroleum Environment Plans, Safety Case, Safety Management Systems have statutory timelines.

Note 3: DMP is reviewing the presentation of petroleum environmental performance data