



Approvals Performance Report (July – September 2014)

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

During the September quarter 2014, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) finalised the majority of key approval processes within the target timelines.

The department received a total of 1009 mineral tenure applications comprising 580 Exploration Licences, 329 Prospecting Licences, 67 Miscellaneous Licences, 22 Mining Leases, 2 Retention Licences and 9 General Purpose Leases. The department finalised 97 per cent of mineral exploration licence applications and 98 per cent of prospecting licences within the timeline target of 65 business days.

DMP received 577 Programme of Work exploration applications and 60 Mining Proposals. Ninety-six per cent of Programme of Work applications and 90 per cent of Mining Proposals were finalised within the timeline target of 30 business days. Sixty-two native vegetation clearing permit applications were received by the department during this quarter. Eighty-six per cent of clearing permit applications were finalised within the target timeline of 60 calendar days.

The department received 14 mine safety Project Management Plans (PMPs) and 6 Radiation Management Plans (RMPs) during the September quarter. One hundred per cent of PMPs and 83 per cent of RMPs were finalised within the target timeline of 30 business days.

During the September quarter, six new and revised safety case, safety management system, diving safety and pipeline management plans were accepted by the department. One hundred per cent were accepted within the statutory timelines.

The department, as part of a review of petroleum approval processes, has assessed and decided to report on a number of application types not previously reported on.

Three new application categories have been added. They are Joint Authority Assessments, Other Approvals and Other Titles. Other Approvals include application types such as Declaration/Revocation of Location, Extension of Title Term and Suspension of Permit Rights. Other Titles include Access Authority Applications, Drilling Reservation Applications and Special Prospecting Authority Applications. A detailed list of application types can be found on the DMP website located under Approvals/Approvals Reporting. These changes to reporting are effective 1 July 2014.

The department received 35 Joint Authority Assessments, 12 Other Approvals, 5 Exploration Permit applications and renewals, 2 Pipeline Licence applications and variations, 5 Survey and 37 Well applications. Seventy-Nine per cent of Joint Authority Assessments were finalised within 20 business days. Eighty per cent of survey applications and 100 per cent of well applications were finalised within 40 business days. Only 11% of Petroleum Permit applications were finalised within the target timeframe. The department is working to improve Exploration Permit approval performance.

A total of 97 Petroleum Environment applications were received for planned petroleum activities in the State. Ninety-six per cent of Petroleum Environment applications were finalised within the target timeline.

DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE – THIRD QUARTER 2014 (July – September 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	805	329	192	44	188	98%	942
- pre 1/1/09*		66		6				60
Exploration Licence	65	2054	580	581	278	563	97%	2053
- pre 1/1/09		152		12				140
Mining Lease	65	181	22	37	7	35	95%	166
- pre 1/1/09		366		16				350
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	357	78	52	14	46	88%	383
- pre 1/1/09		95		6				89
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	270	577	613	34	587	96%	234
Mining Proposal	30	107	60	77	3	69	90%	90
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	46	62	63	3	54	86%	45
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	14	11	2	11	100%	11
Radiation Management Plans	30	4	6	6	2	5	83%	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 # Note 2								
These applications include Joint Authority assessments, the grant or renewal of titles for Exploration Permits, Other Titles (eg. Infrastructure Licences, Special Prospecting Authorities and Access Authorities), Pipeline Licences, Production Licences and Retention Leases. Surveys include scientific investigations and survey applications. Wells include drilling applications, completions, tests, well bore variations, deviations and suspensions. Other Approvals include Declarations of Location and Variations of Work Program. A detailed list of applications is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Joint Authority Assessments	20	72	35	57	2	45	79%	50
Exploration Permits	120	75	5	9	4	1	11%	71
Other Titles	120	5	0	2	0	2	100%	1
Pipeline Licence	90	7	2	1	0	1	100%	8
Prod. Licence	90	9	0	0	0	0		9
Retention Lease	90	5	0	0	0	0		5
Other Approvals	40	52	12	22	7	13	59%	42
Surveys	40	15	5	10	0	8	80%	10
Wells	40	4	37	27	0	27	100%	14
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plans	30	56	97	112	56	107	96%	41
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	2	2	0	2	100%	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	0	4	4	0	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.