



Approvals Performance Report (January – March 2015)

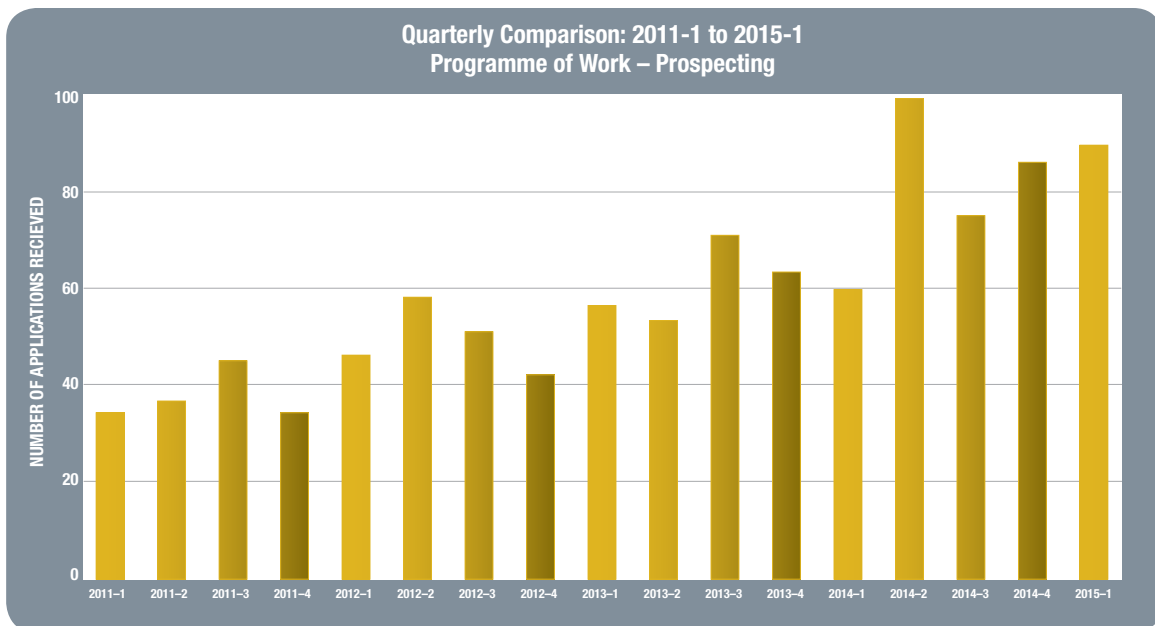
The approval performance target for the department is to achieve greater than 80 per cent of applications finalised within the target timeline.

The department's 1Q 2015 approvals performance continued to be at high levels across key approval areas. Highlights include:

- the number of mineral prospecting applications received (93) continues to increase;
- 100 per cent of petroleum well applications (19) were assessed within the target timeline; and
- 95 per cent of native vegetation clearing permits (57) were assessed within target 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 31 March 2015. There is a broad increasing trend over this four year period. There is also a seasonal trend with an annual peak of applications mid-year. There is a significant increasing trend over the last 12 months which may, in part, be a response to new environmental application fees coming into effect in July 2015.



Online lodgement trends

DMP introduced online lodgement as a pilot program for “Programmes of Work” on mineral exploration licences in December 2009 and announced live online lodgement on 25 August 2010. Since then, online lodgement services have been extended to most key mining and petroleum approval processes, reporting requirements, payments, tender submissions and a variety of other customer interactions.

Because of the strong positive response from industry customers, DMP will encourage 100 per cent usage of existing online systems from 1 July 2015, and by 1 July 2016 have all transactions online.

Industry has embraced online lodgement with the majority of key approval processes now lodged online. For example, 78 per cent of mineral exploration licence applications were lodged online this quarter compared to 2 per cent during the same period in 2011. Similarly, 70 per cent of Mining Proposal applications were lodged online compared with 28 per cent in 1Q 2011.

A policy decision was made to require online lodgement for all Programme of Works for Exploration (excluding prospecting) from 1 July 2012. Prior to this decision, 87 per cent of PoW Exploration were lodged online. From May this year, DMP will have comprehensive programs in place to provide assistance and support to industry customers to ensure our target of being completely online by mid-2016 is met.

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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	970	293	263	48	260	99%	1000
- pre 1/1/09*		75		25				50
Exploration Licence	65	2025	466	562	305	553	98%	1929
- pre 1/1/09		150		38				112
Mining Lease	65	162	26	16	9	15	94%	172
- pre 1/1/09		385		39				346
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Licence)	65	368	48	55	24	53	96%	361
- pre 1/1/09		99		14				85
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	179	470	450	23	439	98%	199
Mining Proposal	30	105	57	62	10	54	87%	100
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	39	57	45	1	43	95%	51
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	27	19	5	19	19	100%	11
Radiation Management Plans	30	4	4	0	4	4	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 # Note 2								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	56	17	46	22	39	85%	27
Joint Authority Decision	20	64	41	42	6	41	98%	63
Exploration Permit	120	64	1	3	0	2	67%	62
Other Title	120	2	8	1	1	0	0%	9
Other Activity	40	3	2	5	0	5	100%	0
Pipeline Licence	90	8	1	3	0	3	100%	6
Prod. Licence	90	7	0	0	0	0	0%	7
Retention Lease	90	3	2	1	0	0	0%	4
Survey	40	13	4	2	1	1	50%	15
Well	40	50	19	17	1	17	100%	52
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	35	83	91	48	88	97%	27
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	6	6	0	6	100%	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	0	4	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.