



Quarter 2 | 2017

Approvals Performance Report June Quarter 2017

In the June quarter 2017, 97 per cent of all applications were finalised within target timelines. Highlights include:

- 99 per cent of mineral prospecting licence applications were finalised within 65 business days
- 99 per cent of mineral exploration Programme of Work (PoW – Exploration, Prospecting and Spatial) applications were finalised within 30 business days
- 94 per cent of petroleum compliance approvals were finalised within 40 business days.

Highlights

A total of 669 Programme of Work applications were received in the June 2017 quarter compared to 460 applications in the June 2016 quarter and 99 per cent of all Programme of Work applications were finalised within target timelines.

Summary of 2016–17 financial year

A total of 7584 applications were received by the department between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, 98 per cent of these were finalised within target timelines. The number of mineral exploration Programme of Work applications received increased in the second half of 2016–17. The number of applications received during the 2016–17 period was:

- September 2016 Quarter – 502
- December 2016 Quarter – 421
- March 2017 Quarter – 640
- June 2017 Quarter – 669

Figure one: Number of mineral exploration Programme of Work applications received during 2016–17 financial year.

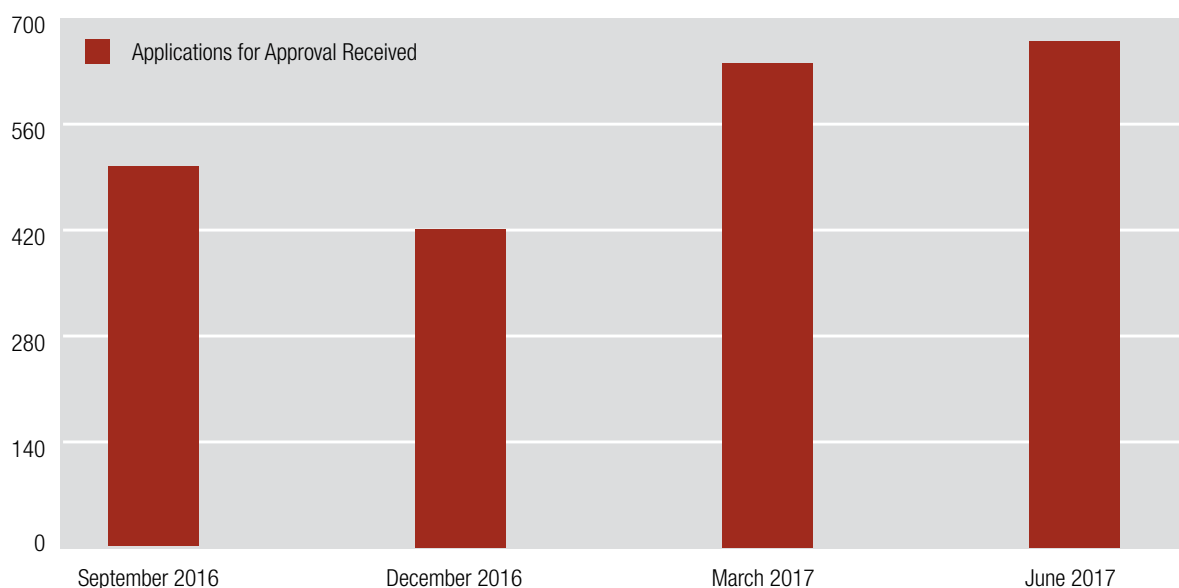


TABLE 1: DMIRS APPROVALS PERFORMANCE JUNE QUARTER 2017

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 finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no.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	1571	316	419	108	416	99	1468
– pre 1/1/09*		35		0				35
Exploration Licence	65	1891	489	444	210	442	99	1936
– pre 1/1/09		47		1				46
Mining Lease	65	239	24	12	6	12	100	251
– pre 1/1/09		222		0				222
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Leases)	65	322	86	50	12	50	100	358
– pre 1/1/09		62		0				62
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	253	669	689	56	683	99	233
Mining Proposal	30	157	84	69	15	64	93	172
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	44	33	37	0	33	89	40
Note: DMIRS assess resource sector native vegetation clearing permit applications through a delegation from the Department of Water and Environment Regulation. DMIRS 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	16	23	26	2	26	100	13
Radiation Management Plans	30	0	7	7	0	7	100	0

Petroleum and Geothermal Sector								
Target timeline (business days)	No. carried over from previous quarter	No. applications received	Total no. 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								
A detailed list of application categories is available on the DMIRS approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	40	23	17	3	16	94	46
Joint Authority Decision	20	49	32	25	0	23	92	56
Exploration Permit	120	29	0	3	3	0	0	26
Other Title	120	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
Other Activity	40	4	1	2	0	0	0	3
Pipeline Licence	90	6	8	2	0	2	100	12
Prod. Licence	120	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Retention Lease	90	1	0	1	0	1	100	0
Survey	40	16	3	1	1	1	100	18
Well Activities	30*	7	38	33	5	29	88	4
Well Applications	40	41	3	18	3	15	100	26
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans include oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	32	73	72	38	66	92	35
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	6	10	11	0	11	100	5

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

Note 2: On 1 July 2017, the former Department of Mines and Petroleum amalgamated with the former Department of Commerce to become the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS).