



Approvals Performance Report Fourth Quarter 2016 (1 October – 31 December 2016)

In the December quarter 2016, 95 per cent of all applications were finalised within target timelines. Highlights include:

- 99 per cent of mineral prospecting licence applications received were finalised within 65 business days;
- 97 per cent of mineral exploration Programme of Work (PoW) applications received were finalised within 30 business days; and
- 97 per cent of petroleum well applications were finalised within 40 business days.

Summary for calendar year 2016

A total of 7474 mining and petroleum applications were received by the department during the 2016 calendar year, 95 per cent of these were finalised within target timelines.

The department received 3992 exploration and prospecting licence applications in the 2016 calendar year. This is a significant increase compared to the 2909 received in the 2015 calendar year (illustrated in Figure 1). The increase in the number of licence applications during 2016 can be attributed to a resurgence of interest in gold exploration, especially in the northern goldfields area.

Figure 1: Number of exploration and prospecting licence applications received during 2015 and 2016 calendar years.

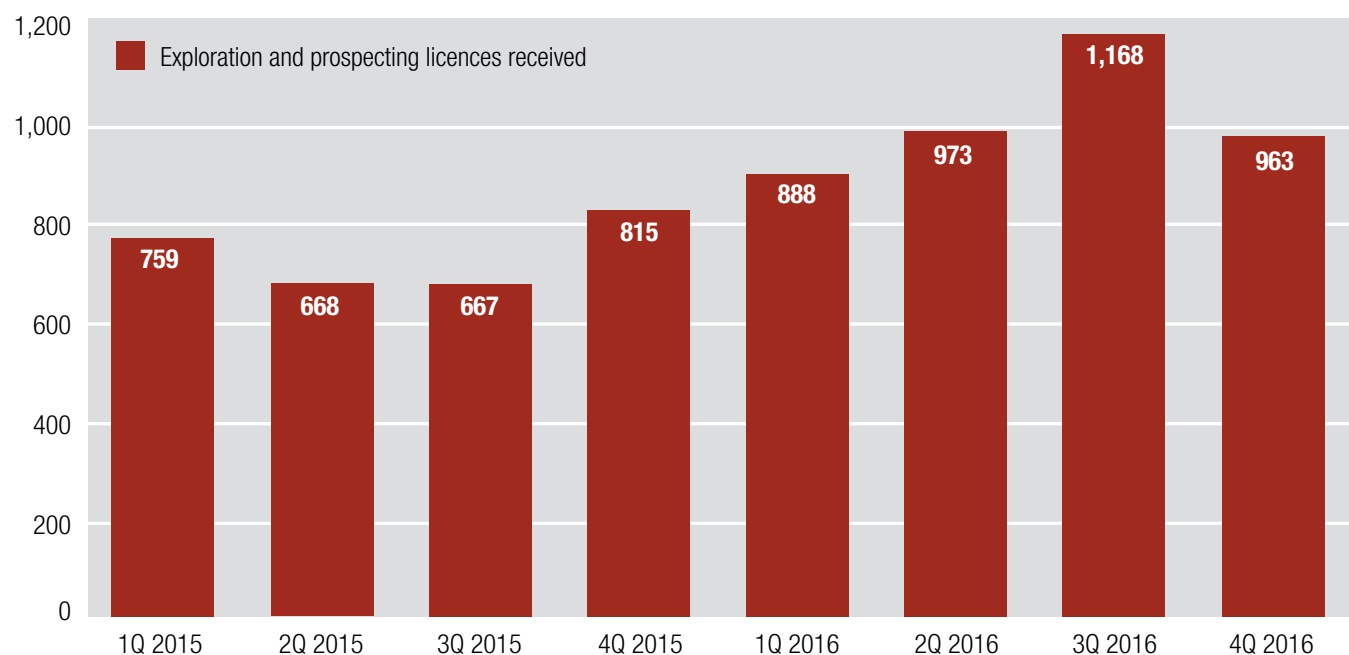


TABLE 1: DMP APPROVALS PERFORMANCE FOURTH QUARTER 2016

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 finalised	No. refused, lapsed, rejected or withdrawn	Total no.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	1,521	580	304	94	300	99%	1,797
– pre 1/1/09*		26		3				23
Exploration Licence	65	2,076	383	488	183	482	99%	1,971
– pre 1/1/09		55		6				49
Mining Lease	65	218	65	41	14	38	93%	242
– pre 1/1/09		234		10				224
Others (Miscellaneous, General Purpose, Retention Leases)	65	327	91	58	18	56	97%	360
– pre 1/1/09		63		1				62
Exploration and mining applications								
Programme of Work	30	217	420	470	27	454	97%	167
Mining Proposal	30	149	107	79	15	64	81%	177
Native Veg. Clearing Permit	60*	50	52	55	5	49	89%	47
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	14	20	17	1	17	100%	17
Radiation Management Plans	30	1	2	3	1	3	100%	–

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 DMP approvals / approvals reporting website.								
Compliance Approval	40	30	11	11	2	10	90%	30
Joint Authority Decision	20	51	31	39	3	39	100%	43
Exploration Permit	120	36	–	6	4	6	100%	30
Other Title	120	5	16	8	7	8	100%	13
Other Activity	40	–	2	–	–	–	–	2
Pipeline Licence	90	3	2	1	–	1	100%	4
Prod. Licence	120	5	–	–	–	–	–	5
Retention Lease	90	1	2	1	–	1	100%	2
Survey	40	5	15	7	7	7	100%	13
Well	40	50	26	33	–	32	97%	43
Petroleum environmental and safety applications								
Environment plans incorporate a small number of oil spill contingency plans.								
Environmental Plan	30*	28	86	82	47	77	94%	32
New Safety Case/SMS	90*	2	3	4	–	4	100%	1
Revised Safety Case/SMS	30*	3	21	20	1	20	100%	4

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