

## RIF CHAT - notes

### RIF LEAVE -s 22

- s 22 on leave this week
- s 22 – (10 Days scheduled) February 26, 2019 - March 11, 2019
- s 22 – NA

### DECEMBER EPC MEETING BRIEF -s 22

- Brief was due 31 Jan – anticipating decision outcomes within the next two weeks (11 Feb tentative);
- We will let you know when the Minister has made her decision, and then when Media Release will go out.
- In talking with customers, if you become aware of any media or articles they're planning on issuing, please take the opportunity to remind them of their obligations to acknowledge the support of the ISI.  
(Four supported)

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### FEBRUARY EPC MEETING -s 22

- As you know, we have 15 applications going up to this meeting;
- Yesterday you were sent copies of the final decks relevant to your areas;
- We have 8 that are recommended for support; 5 that are not supported and 2 that are supported by the RIF, but have not been supported by the department s 22
- Because there are so many applications this time, we will be managing the meeting in the following way:
  - The 8 supported applications will be considered/discussed on the day in line with the standard approach at each meeting;

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### PROGRAM BUDGET -s 22

- We want to flag a possibility of the ISI budget (NEI) tightening over coming months;
- Depending on the number of applications that are supported at the Feb EPC meeting, we may have limited funds going forward;
- This may mean that we can only fund a small number at the April meeting;
- We are aware that several of you have applications in the pipeline, but we need to ensure that we are advising customers that applications need to be of a high quality as it will be very competitive;
- Following the February meeting, we will be in a better position to know the status of the budget and how this may affect the New and Existing Incubator component going forward;
- We will provide more advice in this regard to yourselves, and to the public if required, following February EPC.

### RIF CONTRACTS -s 22

- I have been in contact with you all recently regarding your performance reviews and the option of extending contracts beyond the end of April.
- I am finalising discussions within the department next week and hope to have advice to you within the next two weeks. Please note the current budget status with NEI does not affect the options of extending RIF roles at this point in time.

### RIF ROUND-UP - RIFs

- RIFs to provide an update on what's been happening in their regions, what they are working on, and pipeline.