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### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated 7 February 2023.

You have requested:

1. *All communication (including messages, texts, emails, documents, presentations, meeting agendas and minutes) between New Zealand On Air (NZOA), its staff, contractors and consultants and the creators and associated contractors and consultants of the television show SIS from January 1 2022 to February 1 2023.*
2. *What the first official New Zealand release date for SIS was and when this date was announced (e.g. on April 23, 2021 it was announced the first episode of SIS would be released on December 1 2021).*
3. *The date SIS was actually released on and where it was released (e.g. September 3, 2022 in NZ, Australia, worldwide, etc.).*
4. *The contract signed between NZ On Air and the creators of SIS.*
5. *The total amount of funding NZ On Air granted the show SIS.*
6. *The total amount of the above funding that remains outstanding, if any.*

Please see below our response:

1. We have made previously released information under a separate request available to you prior to this response. Please find attached all relevant communication that comes within the scope of your request that has not been made previously available to you.

This includes:

- Email correspondence between the producers and NZ On Air (1A)
- Producer reports, as required under the production funding agreement between NZ On Air and the producers, that were submitted by the producers to NZ On Air during the time period your request has specified (1B – 1D)
- Two Screen Production Recovery Fund (SPRF) applications submitted by the producers to NZ ON Air, dated June 2021 (1E) and May 2022 (1F) respectively.

NZ On Air has also decided to release the two funding recommendation papers (1G and 1H) that were submitted to the NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee in response to the two SPRF applications noted above.

2. Due to delays in the production brought about by COVID-19, NZ On Air was not made aware of the intended launch date for the content across the supporting platforms. We decline this part of your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.
3. SIS was first released on the video sharing site Vimeo on 17 October 2022. Following this, the show was released on the Comedy Central UK YouTube channel on 18 October 2022, on the streaming service NEON in late January 2023 and weekly on Prime TV from 5 February 2023.
4. Please find attached the production funding agreement (PFA) signed between NZ On Air and the producers of *SIS* (4A) and subsequent contract variations of the PFA (also contained in 4A).
5. The total amount of funding NZ On Air agreed to provide the production of *SIS* under the Production Funding Agreement (and subsequent variations to that agreement) is \$2,096,954.

This is made up of:

- \$1,751,342 in original Production Funding
- \$285,760 in Platform Contribution Reduction Support\*
- \$59,852 in Screen Production Recovery Funding, in response to two successful SPRF applications made by the production.

\* The \$285,760 Platform Contribution Reduction Support figure was the result of an initiative that decreased the cost for eligible broadcasters on their platform contribution by 80% in the wake of the COVID-19. This 80% figure was allocated and provided by NZ On Air through its standard funding agreement for eligible, funded projects. More information on this initiative can be found [here](#).

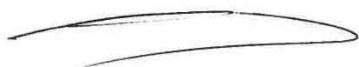
6. There is \$49,592 of NZ On Air funding (2.36%) left to be drawn down under the Production Funding Agreement. To date, the producers of *SIS* have not submitted paperwork to access this final instalment of funding.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is [searchable](#) on our website. You can also [sign up](#) to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely



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**HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Attachments:**

- **1A:** Correspondence between NZ On Air and the producers of *SIS*
- **1B:** *SIS* Producer Report from January 2022
- **1C:** *SIS* Producer Report from May 2022
- **1D:** *SIS* Producer Report from August 2022
- **1E:** *SIS* Screen Production Recovery Fund (SPRF) Application from June 2021
- **1F:** *SIS* SPRF Application from May 2022
- **1G:** NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee SPRF Paper from June 2021
- **1H:** NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee SPRF Paper from May 2022
- **4A:** *SIS* Production Funding Agreement & Variations