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Tēnā koe

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 9 November 2023.

You have requested:

- *The approved purpose of NZ On Air's funding decision in 2018 in respect of the television programme 'Undertow'*
- *A copy of the funding request (including the project budget) and supporting documentation in respect of 'Undertow'*
- *Confirmation that the funding provided by NZ On Air to Te Rākau Hua O Te Wao Tapu Trust ("the Trust") in respect of 'Undertow' was accounted for satisfactorily*
- *A copy of the final accountability report provided and evidence of funding expenditure in respect of 'Undertow'*

Please find attached the following documentation:

- A copy of the proposal for the project (1A)
- The budget summary that was submitted with the application (1B)
- A copy of the funding recommendation paper submitted to the NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee (1C)
- A copy of the final cost report submitted to NZ On Air (1D)

Please note that the proposal (1A) and final cost report (1D) have had names of specific third-party suppliers redacted under S 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act.

In respect of the budget that was submitted by the Trust at the time of application, this budget was then revised and updated following an increase in project funding following a grant from the Lotteries Tuia Fund.

In respect of confirming that the funding provided by NZ On Air was accounted for satisfactorily, NZ On Air approved the final cost report. NZ On Air commissions approximately five to seven production audits annually however this project was not subject to a production audit.

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Kerry', with a stylized, sweeping underline.

Sharon Kerry
HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES