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### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 14 March 2023.

You have requested:

1. *Has NZ on Air provided any funding towards Blackwell and Ruth Ltd over the last 4 years?*
2. *If so, please indicate: 1. how much was given, 2. why it was given, and 3. the name of the project it endorsed.*

Please find below our response:

NZ On Air has never provided any funding towards Blackwell and Ruth Limited. As such, we decline your request under [Section 18\(g\)](#) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by NZ On Air and NZ On Air has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another agency or department or is connected more closely with the functions of another agency or department.

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 be "Sharon Kerry".

Sharon Kerry  
**HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES**