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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response: Convergence note 2

Thank you for your further request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 28 March 2018.

Your request says:

Given the discrepancy in the accounts given by NZ on Air and MCH in the delivery of NZ on Air's feedback/submission to MCH, I should be grateful for information in any form held by NZ on Air about the meeting that the document was tabled.

I should also be grateful for any other information held by NZ on Air about the Content Regulation in a Converged World discussion process, including the reason that NZ on Air did not make a formal submission and any communications with ministers on this subject.

We have not seen the Ministry's response but doubt there is a discrepancy. As we noted in our previous response dated 27 March, the notes were tabled at a regular meeting with MCH officials. These meetings are general catch-ups and NZ On Air does not take minutes. Given the meeting was two and a half years ago I cannot recall what was discussed. At the time we had embarked on a review of regional television investments and I expect that was the main update from us.

We hold no other information about the convergence review. We were not involved with it and there were no communications with the Minister. We had a view on Sunday advertising and satire in Election programmes, a very small part of that review, and communicated it via the note.

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

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