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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") which was transferred to us from the Ministry of Justice on 22 November 2021.

You have requested the following regarding the Public Interest Journalism Fund (PIJF):

I note a few phrases contained in the requirements such as:

"Multi year contracts with publishers for the employment of reporters, with output minimum requirements and agreed coverage guidelines"

And: "There will be clear KPIs to ensure performance measures are met before any funding is rolled over into a second year. We are clear that that while the funding is role based... it is clearly tied to content outcomes."

I would like to request what exactly are the output minimum requirements are and agreed coverage guidelines. Especially in reference to reporting Covid 19 events and vaccinations.

Furthermore, I would like to know what the performance measures are and how "content outcomes" are judged in reference to Covid 19 reporting.

Output requirements and coverage guidelines are negotiated with each PIJF recipient in the contracting stage. These criteria will be tailored to each recipient. I can advise that there are no specific measures regarding the reporting Covid 19 events and vaccinations.

Due to the intellectual property contained and commercial sensitivity of the contracts for projects, we do not release detail on projects that are still in the completion phase. We decline your request under section 9(2)(b) of the OIA.

Once the projects have been completed, we will be happy to reconsider your request and may be in a position to release some of the information we have redacted or withheld. Please contact us again at that time with a new request.

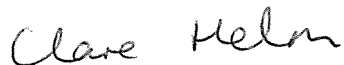
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For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is searchable on our website. You can also sign up to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

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 that reads "Clare Helm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Helm

HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES