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Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated Tuesday 19 April 2022. Thank you for your patience as we work through a backlog of OIA requests.

You have requested:

Are you able to give a breakdown by year/fund of the number of funding applications that have been submitted in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) over the last three financial years.

Does your funding platform currently allow for video-based submissions to be assessed, and if not what is the timeline for this?

To date we have not had any funding applications- submitted to us in New Zealand Sign Language. In the past we have received one application that sought funding to make a programme in New Zealand Sign Language. This application was deemed ineligible to apply for funding, at the initial application stage, as it did not have a qualifying platform attached to the project.

Within the application process, applicants may attach links to videos hosted on third party websites, including those that are password protected i.e. vimeo. However, all applications must still complete the fields within our [funding application portal](#). We are aware that our current funding processes have limitations for access and look to review this in the near future. However, as this work has not been fully scoped to date, we cannot provide an estimated timeline at this point in time.

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.

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a single, fluid, horizontal stroke that tapers at both ends, resembling a stylized 'S' or a simple wave.

Sharon Kerry
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