



10 June 2022

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") which we received on 9 May 2022. Thank you for your patience as NZ On Air works through a backlog of OIA requests.

You have requested:

has the Otago Daily Times received/will receive funds from the NZ govt's Public Interest Journalism Fund?

We can advise you that Allied Press which runs the Otago Daily Times has received funding from the Public Interest Journalism Fund (PIJF). This information is publicly available on our [website here](#). So far, Allied Press has received a total of \$1,584,640 for four proposals that cover the South Today, roles and training. As future allocations for Public Interest Journalism are managed through contestable funding rounds, it is up to Allied Press to make a funding application, which will be assessed against our funding criteria. Therefore, we cannot confirm any future funding.

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

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