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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") received 16 May 2022.

On Friday 20 May NZ On Air responded to your initial query with an email outlining the released statement regarding the funding [here](#) and a release of documents under the Official Information Act [here](#). We have not had a reply from you to confirm if your queries have been answered, please see below for more detail from NZ On Air.

You had requested:

1. *Please advise on who's authority gave permission to spend Tax Payers money on this production?*

NZ on Air operates under the [Broadcasting Act 1983](#)

2. *Please advise the total cost of this production?*

This has been answered in our 20 May information release. That due to the nature of the production community and the commercially sensitive information pertaining to the budget, IP, execution and delivery of the project, we decline to release this information under the following sections of the Official Information Act

- section 9(2)(b) of the OIA to protect information where the making available of the information

(i) would disclose a trade secret; or

(ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

3. *Please advise under what NZ On Air governance authorises Tax Payers money to be used to promote a sitting politician?*

This has been answered in our 20 May information release

4. *Please forwards NZ On Air Business Case that was used to make the decision to use Tax Payers money for a documentary on Chloe Swarbrick*

This has been answered in our 20 May information release

5. *Please advise if NZ ON Air will be making documentary of sitting members from other political parties.*

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All NZ On Air funding decisions are searchable on our website here <https://www.nzonair.govt.nz/search/>. There are no other current projects that focus on one MP. We run a contestable funding process to which any producers, with the support of a qualifying platform, and a good idea may apply. We cannot predict what future applications we may receive.

Once this project has been broadcast/released 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.

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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