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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 6 May 2022.

You have requested the following in regards to the project *The Pilgrim*:

*all the information that NZ on Air held at the time of making its decision to provide the funding and, in particular, any information concerning a potential conflict of interest that the script's author may have had as a result of his position as chief executive of the Film Commission.*

I have attached the requested information that we are able to release:

- Extract of Funding paper for the decision
- Extract of board paper for the decision
- Note added to our project conflicts of interest register

In these documents we have redacted information under the following reasons:

- Applying section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Any commercially sensitive information has been redacted under 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.

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, appearing to read 'Sharon Kerry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sharon Kerry  
**HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES**