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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 18 August 2022.

You have requested:

1. *All correspondence between Stuff and any NZ On Air representative regarding funding for work which is designed to draw links between the Parliament Protest and/or Voices For Freedom members to individuals running for Local Government.*
2. *If PIJF funds have been used for these articles and/or for Stuff's recent Fire & Fury documentary. I also request specific amounts that were granted for these productions/publications.*

Please see below our response:

1. There is no correspondence between Stuff and any NZ On Air representative regarding funding for work which is designed to draw links between the Parliament Protest and/or Voices For Freedom members to individuals running for Local Government.

We decline this part of your request under [Section 18\(e\)](#) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

For your further information, under [Section 42 of the Broadcasting Act](#), NZ On Air is prohibited from giving any editorial direction to any successful funding applicant.

2. NZ On Air has provided funding to the Stuff Circuit Investigative team under the PIJF which covers the creation of audio-visual and written content. The date of this funding decision, the amount granted to Stuff and the intended Episodes & Duration for the funded content is [searchable](#) on our website. All PIJF-funded content must meet NZ On Air's [accreditation requirements](#) and content not featuring such accreditation is not NZ On Air or PIJF-funded content. As noted above, while NZ On Air provides funding to the Stuff Circuit Investigative team, under [Section 42 of the Broadcasting Act](#) we are prohibited from having any editorial control over the funded content.

We decline this part of your request under [Section 18\(d\)](#) of the OIA as the information requested is publicly available.

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

Sharon Kerry
HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES