



30 June 2022

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New Zealand Taxpayer's Union
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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 15 June 2022.

You have requested:

Official Information under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to the telefeature 'Princess of Chaos' telling story of a political scandal as told from the perspective of the 'other woman,' Bevan Chuang.

- 1. Any updates on the progress of this production, including its scheduled release date or if its release has been cancelled.*
- 2. If it has been cancelled or a decision has been made not to release it, an explanation as to why and any documents or correspondence in relation to this.*
- 3. If it has been cancelled or a decision has been made not to release it details of when this decision was made.*
- 4. A copy or link to any announcements made by NZOA in relation to the decision to cancel/not release this production.*
- 5. Details of how much money has been spent by NZOA on this production to date.*
- 6. Details of any future expenditure that is planned on this production.*

Please find below our response to your request for information:

In regard to question 1 – 4: this production is under the control of the producer and its supporting broadcaster. It is at the supporting broadcaster's discretion as to when they will schedule the broadcast of the project. To date we are aware that the production has been filmed and finished post-production. We have not been advised that the production has been cancelled, and as at the date of your request have no information on the scheduled on air date. We decline your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist.

In regard to question 5: To date, \$2,711,800 has been drawn down by the funded production company from NZ On Air under three funding agreements concerning the development and production of 'Princess of Chaos'. As this project has not yet been broadcast/released, we decline to release any specifics regarding the expenditure to date as it is still considered commercially sensitive. We decline this part of your request under section 9(2)(b) of the OIA.

In regard to question 6: NZ On Air cannot predict what funding requests may come into future funding rounds, however as the production has been completed and NZ On Air's share of funding has been drawn down on to date, we would not be expecting any further funding applications regarding this production. In terms of NZ On Air's commitment to this particular project, we decline your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist.

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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