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Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 28 July 2023.

You have requested:

- All the information NZ On Air holds relating to its announcement about \$3m in co-funding support of "Māori Regional News Hubs", as well as information about the "news hubs" themselves (location, numbers employed etc).
- All communications in any form including email and messaging between NZ on Air, Te Māngai Pāho and the Minister of Broadcasting and his office that relate to this funding decision

We have decided to release the following information:

- Copies of the two funding recommendation papers submitted to the NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee in respect of the four successful applications (1A and 1B). Please note that we have withheld some information under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.
- Copies of correspondence between NZ On Air and Te Māngai Pāho in respect of the funding decision (2A). Please note that we have withheld some information under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.
- A copy of the Regional News RFP 2023 Continuation Announcement from April 2023, which is available on Te Māngai Pāho's website (3A).

We can confirm there are no communications between NZ On Air and the Minister of Broadcasting or their office.

Given the four applications NZ On Air considered are presently live, we have decided to withhold the release of funding proposals submitted by the four applicants under Section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA.

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Based on information provided as part of applicant's funding proposals, we can provide you with the minimum number of individuals that will be employed or engaged for each regional Newshub. Please note however that this is a minimum and not a confirmation of exact numbers of each hub as more personnel may be employed or engaged. We can also provide you with the region of each hub.

Please find this information below:

Regional Newshub Name	Location(s)	Minimum number of personnel
<i>Kapua Tairawhiti</i>	Gisborne Hawkes Bay	11
<i>Aukaha</i>	Waikato Bay of Plenty	17
<i>Tahu News</i>	South Island	14
<i>Te Reo O Te Uru</i>	Taranaki Whanganui Manawatū	14

Once these projects have been completed 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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