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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated 13 February 2024.

You have requested:

1. Confirmation of how much public funding was provided to an episode of the programme *Mata Reports*, entitled “Trick or Treaty?”
2. The assessors’ report on the proposal for *Mata Reports*.

Please see below our response:

1. The first series of *Mata Reports* is a combination of video episodes (6 x 10 – 15’ episodes) and radio episodes (26 x 27-30’). NZ On Air, as well as Te Māngai Pāho, does not require budgets or cost reports for funded applications to be broken down on a per episode cost basis and as such we cannot provide the exact costs of the episode your request relates to.

The funding amounts provided to the overall project by both [NZ On Air](#) and [Te Māngai Pāho](#) are publicly available on the respective websites of each funding agency. NZ On Air contributed \$452,198 to *Mata Reports* (formerly known as *Mata Media*) and Te Māngai Pāho contributed \$452,000.

2. Please find attached a copy of the funding recommendation paper submitted to the NZ On Air Staff Investment Committee. Please note the following redactions in these documents have been made under Sections 9(2)(b)(i) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA: details of the budget and possible episode topics.

NZ On Air can confirm that the topic of the episode your request relates to was not included in the funding proposal submitted to NZ On Air. This is common for investigative and current affairs-based funding applications.

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, consisting of a single, fluid, horizontal stroke that tapers at both ends, resembling a stylized 'S' or a simple signature.

Sharon Kerry
HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES