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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 5 Tuesday December 2023. This was transferred to NZ On Air on the 8 December 2023 for the Minister for Media and Communications' Office.

You have requested:

1. *How much NZ On Air funding was approved for the songs "Same Shit" and "Pre-Code Hollywood"?*
2. *What is the mandate for NZ On Air to be a funder of overseas collaborations?*

Please see our response below:

1. With respect to "Same Shit", NZ On Air is working under the assumption that this song, released by Reuben Fleetwood, forms part of their EP that was approved for NZ On Air funding in September 2021. The approved level of funding for this New Music Project is publicly available and can be found via our [search function](#). We are unable to determine the exact cost that went into creating this specific song and its accompanying music video.

With respect to "Pre-Code Hollywood", approved level of funding for this New Music Single is publicly available and can be found via our [search function](#).

We decline this part of your request under Section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as the information requested is publicly available.

2. One of the aims of NZ On Air funding is to allow Aotearoa artists the opportunity to work with international producers, writers or featured guests. Whilst songs may have overseas collaborators, NZ On Air-funded music must meet the definition of [New Zealand Music](#). The following [FAQs](#) may also provide further context to the aims of our New Music funding.

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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 be 'Sharon Kerry', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Kerry
HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES