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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 November 2024.

You have requested:

- 1. What are the amounts of money and contractual terms for the NZME Open Justice project - in particular the procurement process to run the scheme, the specific requirement/rules for content to be shared with other platforms and the methods for measuring content quantity, quality and engagement?*
- 2. What are the results of those measurement metrics for the past 24 months?*
- 3. What are the amounts of money and contractual terms for the RNZ Local Democracy project - in particular the procurement process to run the scheme, the requirement for content to be shared and the methods for measuring content quantity, quality and engagement.*
- 4. What LDR staff turnover/resignation/termination data has RNZ reported to NZ On Air? What are the results of those audience and staff change measurement metrics for the past 24 months?*

Please see our response below:

1. Open Justice – Te Patiti was funded up to \$2,995,702 in September 2021, as per the publicly available funding information on our [website](#). You can also find our general contract terms for roles funding under the Public Interest Journalism Fund on our website [here](#). We decline this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested is publicly available.

Some details regarding the operation of the scheme are contained in the initial proposal however, as the project is yet to be completed, we decline this part of your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) on grounds that releasing the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We do not hold specific requirement/rules for content to be shared with other platforms. We therefore decline this part of your request under section and section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

2. Please see response at 1. A review of the performance of the scheme was conducted by Dr Gavin Ellis and that is publicly available via our [website](#).

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3. The review by Dr Ellis as linked above contains the publicly available information on the LDR which was most recently funded in July 2024 for \$884,896 for roles to run in 2025. The funding amounts for LDR can also be found through the search function on our [website](#). Please see our roles funding agreement template for general contract terms [here](#). As the project is still in progress, we decline to release proposal details under section 9(2)(b)(ii).
4. NZ On Air does not request data on staff turnover/resignations/terminations for the LDR or any other project and only requires funding recipients to provide updates when there are any staffing changes. We therefore decline this part of your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Once this project has 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.

Ngā manaakitanga,



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