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Tēnā koe

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 6 December 2023.

You have requested:

1. *Any correspondence between New Zealand On Air and Sean Plunket or the broadcasting channels he owns, specifically "The Platform"; and*
2. *Information on whether Sean Plunket or "The Platform" has applied for the Public Interest Journalism Fund, and if so, any official information surrounding the application.*

Please see below our response:

1. Attached is correspondence between NZ On Air and individuals working for The Platform, including Mr Plunket. Please note that under Section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, we have decided to withhold contact details of some individuals party to the attached correspondence.
2. Neither Mr Plunket nor The Platform applied for funding under the Public Interest Journalism Fund. We decline this part of your request under Section 18(g) of the OIA.

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, appearing to read "Sharon Kerry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sharon Kerry
HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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