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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 28 November 2011.

You have requested:

1. *Ethnicity of Recipients for Music Grants from 2014 to 2017 by number, year and % of ethnicity under previous National Government*
2. *Ethnicity of Recipients for Music Grants from 2018 to 2020 by number, year and % of ethnicity under previous Labour Government*
3. *Ethnicity of Recipients for Music Grants from 2021 to 2023 by number, year and % of ethnicity under previous Labour Government (Willow Jean Prime)*
4. *Ethnicity of Recipients for Music Grants from 2024 to 2024 by number, year and, % of ethnicity under Current National Government (Paul Goldsmith)*

Please see our response below:

1. We do not hold music ethnicity data from 2014 to 2016. We therefore decline this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on grounds that the information does not exist.
2. Diversity reporting from 2016 to 2023-24 is publicly available on our website. We decline this part of your request under section 18(d) on grounds that the information requested is publicly available. However, for convenience, please see the following links to our diversity reports:
 - a. [2023 Music Diversity Report](#)
 - b. [2020 Diversity Report](#)
 - c. [2016-19 Diversity Report](#)
 - d. [2016-2018 Diversity Report](#)
3. Please see response at 2.
4. Our 2024 Diversity Report is currently incomplete and in draft form, however, we can provide you with the following percentages we currently have regarding funded applicants from European backgrounds (including NZ European) for New Music Single and New Music Project:
 - a. New Music Single – Artists from European backgrounds (including NZ European) received 42% of funding

- b. New Music Project – Artists from European backgrounds (including NZ European) received 56% of funding.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raewyn Rasch', written in a cursive style.

Raewyn Rasch

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KAIHAUTŪ NGĀ WHAKAHAERE, NGĀ RANGIPŪ MAHITAHĪ ME TE AHUREA