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By email: Tēnā koe

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 15 February 2025.

You have requested:

- 1. A list of all the artists and songs that were successfully funded in each round of New Music Single funding in 2024.
- 2. A list of all the artists and songs that were eligible but were unsuccessful for each round of New Music Single funding in 2024.
- 3. A list of the judges for each round of New Music Single funding in 2024.

I have linked below the New Music Single Funding Decision announcements for 2024, which contain the funded artists and songs, and the assessment panel for each round:

- February 2024
- May 2024
- July 2024
- September 2024
- November 2024

New Music Single funding is limited and highly contestable. In 2024, we declined 920 of the total 1076 eligible New Music Single applications.

We decline to release the names of the artists and songs that were unsuccessful for each round of New Music Single funding in 2024 under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA to protect information where making available the information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Disclosure of this information could result in competitive disadvantage for applicants whose projects were declined given that the title may give away the idea of the single. We have considered the countervailing public interest in releasing this information and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at the time of this request.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is <u>searchable</u> on our website. You can also <u>sign up</u> to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

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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.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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