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Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 26 January 2024.

You have requested:

In respect of the 'How Good Is Our Public Service' series created and published by Business Desk and funded through the Public Interest Journalism Fund:

- 1. 1) Links to each and all of the articles funded by this particular grant.
- 2. The date this project finished (ie published its final article).
- 3. The dates on which some or all the money was drawn down (and how much at each draw-down).
- 4. Confirmation of the receipt of a final cost report (assuming there has been one).

Please see below our response:

- NZ On Air does not have a collated list of all links, which would be an onerous daily task we are
 not resourced to complete. However, we can confirm that all funded articles are on the Business
 Desk website and have confirmed with NZME that all funded articles feature the PIJF
 accreditation.
- 2. NZ On Air can confirm that we received the final progress and cost report from Business Desk on 14 December 2022 and all funded content had been published prior to this date.

3. The following sums of funding (exclusive of GST) were drawn down on these dates:

Drawdown 1:	26 August 2021	\$35,000
Drawdown 2:	21 October 2021	\$45,000
Drawdown 3:	16 December 2021	\$25,000
Drawdown 4:	16 December 2021	\$25,000
Drawdown 5:	11 August 2021	\$27,000
Drawdown 6:	27 January 2023	\$8,550
Drawdown 7:	27 January 2023	\$8,452

4. NZ On Air can confirm it has received the final cost report for this project.

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.

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

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