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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 30 September 2025.

You have requested:

I am urgently seeking, under the terms of the above Act, the details of all NZ on Air funding that has been granted to South Pacific Pictures shows/productions - and South Pacific Pictures-related companies and productions - from January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025 inclusive.

This includes, please, the name of the productions/shows/series/films, the total funding agreed by NZ on Air for each project, and the progress (or otherwise) of existing funding applications.

This includes funding for shows such as The Traitors NZ and Shortland Street.

Please see below a list of projects approved for NZ On Air funding from 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2025 produced by South Pacific Pictures or a related Special Purpose Vehicle, and the approved funding amount. As we have not received a response from you in relation to clarifying "the progress (or otherwise) of existing funding applications," we have interpreted this part of your request as whether NZ On Air's funding has been contracted with the recipient.

Project	NZ On Air Funding	Funding contracted with NZ On Air
<i>The Traitors NZ 3</i>	\$1,436,911	In progress
<i>Shortland Street 35/2026</i>	\$2,500,000	In progress
<i>Ms. X</i>	\$3,040,000	Yes
<i>Settling</i>	\$3,150,000	In progress
<i>Shortland Street 34/2025</i>	\$3,000,000	Yes
<i>Educators 4</i>	\$1,898,500	Yes
<i>Heavyweight With Dave Letele 2</i>	\$551,803	Yes
<i>Live and Let Dai</i>	\$709,623	Yes

There is currently a general funding round in progress in which the decisions will be released Monday 24 November 2025.

For your information, funding information for all successful projects, including funding amount and dates, is [searchable](#) on our website where you can search by project or by production company. 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', with a stylized, flowing script.

Raewyn Rasch

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KAIHAUTŪ NGĀ WHAKAHAERE, NGĀ RANGIPŪ MAHITAHĪ ME TE AHUREA