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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 6 October 2025.

You have requested:

I should be grateful if NZ on Air would provide me with all the information it holds concerning its decision to fund the web series "The Elephant" with \$249,800

I have attached the requested information that we are able to release:

- A copy of our funding recommendation paper concerning *The Elephant* submitted to our Staff Investment Committee.

The following redactions in these documents have been made:

- Details of the project's budget, finance plan, and platform contribution under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.
- Proposed topics the episodes will explore under section 9(2)(b)(ii), as episodes of the project are still being released.

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,



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