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Dear [REDACTED],

RESPONSE TO YOUR OIA REQUEST

Regarding your Official Information Act ("OIA") request for the following information:

1. *Full funding register for all Television programming funded (Who, how many episodes, dollar value (2025)),*
2. *NZ On Air Study: Where are the audiences*
3. *Criteria to be met for Funding Television Programming*
4. *Latest NZ On Air Funding Strategy*
5. *2024/2025 Annual Report*
6. *Latest Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE)*
7. *Contestable funding processes*
8. *Total dollar value of the following shows, NZ On Air funded:*
 - a. *2025 Season Shortland Street (Dollar value, number of episodes)*
 - b. *2025 Season Country Calendar (Dollar value, number of episodes)*

As all the above information is publicly available via our website www.nzonair.govt.nz, we are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds that the information is publicly available.

Where a requester cannot access information online, the Ombudsman has indicated that an agency may exercise reasonable discretion to refuse to provide the request in printed form on the grounds that the information is publicly available and would be administratively burdensome for the agency to supply in printed form. Given the volume of information covered by your request, we are unable to provide all the information in physical form due to the time and resourcing that would be required to locate, collate, print, and deliver that material.

However, we can provide the following information:

- Please find enclosed a copy of our 2024/25 Annual Report
- Please find enclosed a copy of our Investment Strategy – please note this provides information in response to your requests at 3 (see our Investment Principles), 4 and 7.
- NZ On Air funding approved, and the number of episodes for the requested projects:
 - *Shortland Street 2025 (138 episodes) – \$3,000,000 NZ On Air funding*
 - *Country Calendar 2025 (40 episodes) – \$726,545 NZ On Air funding*

You also requested the Total dollar value of the following shows:

- Series 1 *Dancing with The Stars* TVNZ Avalon Studios (Dollar value, number of episodes)
- Final Series *NZ Idol* TVNZ SPP Studios (Dollar value, number of episodes)

NZ On Air did not fund any series of *Dancing with the Stars* and did not fund the final series of *NZ Idol*; therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the information you requested does not exist.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. Communications can be sent to the Ombudsman's office at:

- Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143.

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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