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Dear	///

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your further request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 20 December 2019.

You have requested in regards to a previous OIA response dated 19 December 2019 (that followed a response dated 7 August 2019):

At General Assessment 16 you indicate that documents can be read at location labelled "here" in blue. I cannot reach those documents by clicking on that blue word. I would be grateful if you would provide a direct link to them or supply them to me by an attachment to your next email

Also at 16 it is stated "and there was further correspondence." Was that correspondence made available to the board along with my application?

The link in the Board paper points to the OIA section of the NZ On Air website, where recent OIA requests are published and refers to our replies to your two previous requests here (August) and here (December). The further correspondence refers a telephone call and emails between you and me. This correspondence was not provided to the Board as is usual operating practice but members were made aware of your concerns as noted in the Board paper already provided to you.

You have also requested:

How does NZ On Air evaluate the "clear priority" of one proposal over another. Hence my questions

- 1) What objective measures did the staff use to decide was NOT a priority for funding over other proposals it DID recommend to the board?
- 2) This second evaluation of suggests there are indeed some questions assessor ask when considering a proposal that were not evidence in the first assessment. Is there a list of the questions staff are required to ask when doing their evaluations?

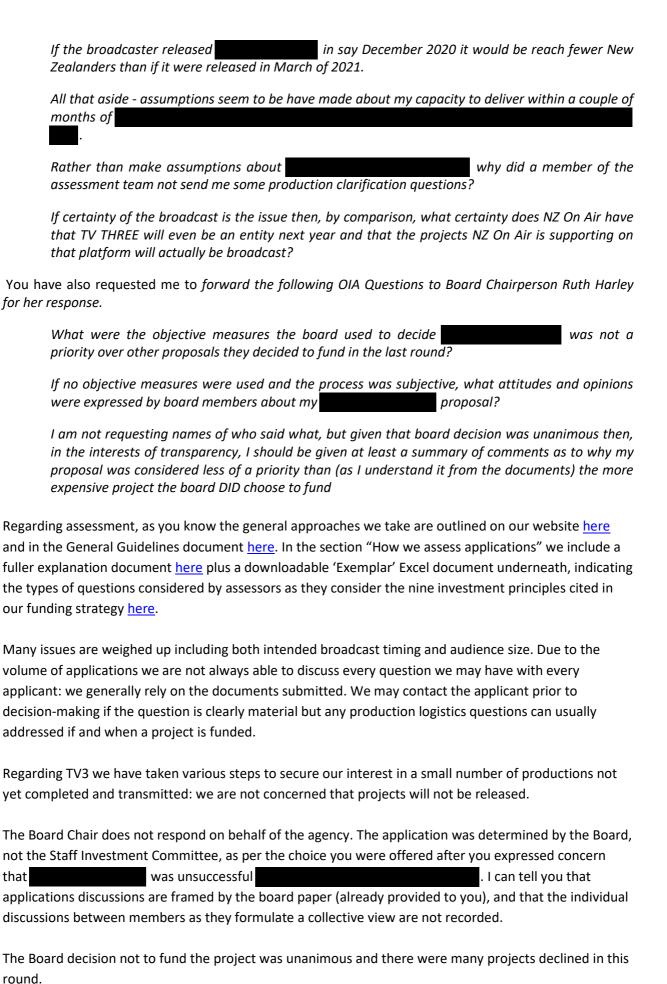
If so could I have a copy of them? Or would you consider publishing the evaluation questions so all producers know what they are?

If the Staff assessment process was at least partly subjective, what was said about which did NOT make it a priority, in their view, over other proposals they DID recommend to the board?

I ask because the, again, second assessment seems far more positive than the first time it was offered

Why was the timing of the broadcast an issue? Isn't audience size a more relevant issue?

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This is your third request for information concerning alongside two further requests; one for information about other unsuccessful applications, and a privacy request. Each focuses on our processes: we have provided you with our internal documentation and referred you to the extensive information on our website.

As we noted in the funding letter dated 5 December:

Your application was considered by staff not previously involved in assessment of this application. As you requested, the recommendation was then fully considered by the NZ On Air Board. One board member left the room for the discussion and decision due to a conflict of interest.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer funding for a continuous. Given the demands on our funding and the strength of other production applications in this round we could not give this project sufficient priority for support at this time.

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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE