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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 27 July 2020.

You have requested:

The completion date for "He'll Be Right" podcast produced by Bird of Paradise Productions as funded from the RNZ/NZ on Air Joint innovation fund. As well as a copy of the Proposal and Contract.

Projects funded by NZ On Air have an estimated completion date in their contract date. This is the date for content to be completed by. Release dates, when the projects go live to the public, are up to Platforms - as they juggle their various programming priorities. Release dates are usually within a month of the completion date. Due to variables in the production period, the completion and release date can change. As you will see in the attached documents communication with NZ On Air on alterations to the completion date deadlines, and advising of release dates, are contractual requirements. This particular project has extended its deliverable date due to complications arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. We expect the content to be completed by mid-September of this year and delivered shortly after.

I have attached the requested information that we are able to release being the Funding contract and an extract from a Producer's report.

The following redactions in these documents have been made:

- Personal information - Section 9(2)(a)
- Budget figures and operational information that can be classified as Trade secret - Section 9(2)(b)

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to the project proposal and project budget, under s9(2)(b) of the OIA. The project has not yet been scheduled for broadcast and the developed proposal contains full details about the structure, style and content of an upcoming programme.

Once this project has been broadcast/released we will be happy to reconsider your request and may be in a position to release some of the information we have withheld. Please contact us again at that time with a new request.

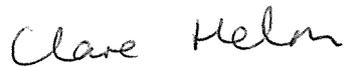
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For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is searchable on our website. You can also sign up to receive our bi-monthly industry newsletter via our website.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Helm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Helm

**HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES**