

16 November 2020

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 20 October 2020

You have requested:

- 1. All material submitted and correspondence to NZ On Air regarding the funding of Circuit 2 for Stuff as shown at https://www.nzonair.govt.nz/search/?search_type=decisions&q=stuff+circuit*
- 2. The terms of the contract signed and enforced under section 43 of the Broadcasting Act 1989 of the Circuit 2 funding to Stuff*
- 3. Information pertaining to the requirements of factual content and whether there are quality control measures in place to ensure content produced under the category "factual" content is indeed, factual.*

This project is still in production, and not due to be completed and delivered until the end of December 2020. As such under section 9(2)(b) of the OIA we are withholding the proposal and planning documents provided for this project, as they are still considered commercially sensitive information. Once this project has been fully broadcast/released we will be happy to reconsider your request and may be in a position to release some of the information we have redacted or withheld. Please contact us again at that time with a new request.

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

- Application form that accompanied the proposal pg. 1-4
- A copy of the funding agreement pg. 5 - 22

You will find we have redacted information for the following reasons, as outlined in the Official Information Act:

- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(b) of the OIA to protect information where the making available of the information—
 - (i) would disclose a trade secret; or
 - (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Regarding your question about content funded from our factual stream. In contestable content we have two streams – Scripted and Factual. Scripted applies to drama and scripted comedy. Factual can cover everything from coverage of live events, to documentaries, current affairs and live unscripted comedy. It's a very broad church. This content was funded though the Factual funding stream as it neither drama nor scripted comedy.

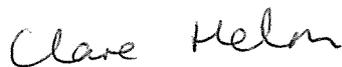
It is outside NZ On Air's mandate to engage in editorial decisions or to give direction to any person that is provided funding. In accordance with [our remit](#) in the Broadcasting Act 1989, we do not take an editorial stance on contents. However, you will note that all content must adhere to the [standards](#) as set out in the Broadcasting Act, and which we also refer to in our funding agreement on pages 6, 7 & 10

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