

22 July 2021

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By email: [Redacted]

Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 27 June 2021.

You have requested:

The total and (if available) breakdown funding amounts provided by NZ on air to FrankFilms for the recently released short and long versions of the focus on the work of the NZ College of Midwives. And any information about any due diligence carried out by NZ on air with regards to balance and factual accuracy in any project it is funding.

Frank Film was funded up to \$340,891 in July 2020 to produce a 22-part current affairs web-series, *Changing South 3*. We do not hold a break-down of allocation of costs for each episode.

Under the Broadcasting Act 1989, after contracting is complete, NZ On Air does not have editorial control or comment on the productions that it funds. The application materials for this 22-part project covered examples of the various angles or stories that could be included in the investigations by the Frank Film Team. However, in this case, at the time of requesting funding the story regarding maternity care was not included in the proposal. The research and release of additional news items is up to the producer to determine in regard to relevance to their target market.

In our contracting with the producer we include the following clauses to ensure that all Content meets the following broadcast standards and all applicable laws and regulations:

Legality - The content must meet all applicable laws and regulations.

All Content must meet the standards in section 4(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1989 (as if the Content was a "programme" under the Act). This includes maintaining standards that are consistent with: the observance of good taste and decency;

- the maintenance of law and order;
- the privacy of the individual; and
- any approved code of broadcasting practice applying to the programmes

If you believe broadcasting standards have been breached in the presentation of information for *Changing South 3* you may follow the complaints procedure as outlined by the Broadcasting Standard Authority [here](#).

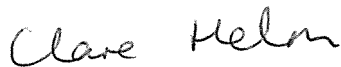
If you wish to raise any concerns with the content creators, Frank Film is open to being approached directly. You can email [REDACTED].

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