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Tēnā koe

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 18 May 2022.

You have requested in regards to the project Being Chlöe:

Any briefings about the project which have been provided to ministers before or after the project was cleared for funding.

On Friday 20 May NZ On Air responded to your initial query with an email outlining the released statement regarding the funding here and a release of documents under the Official Information Act here.

In relation to your specific question, to date of your request there were no briefings provided to any ministers. The Minister of Broadcasting's office received the same media release as all recipients on Dec 3 announcing the project, along with others from the funding round. The Minister's office also received the same statement and OIA release that was sent to a large number of people and published on our website on 20 May 2022. This advance notice was sent 30 minutes prior to publishing under the 'no surprises' Ministerial expectation.

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 redacted or withheld. Please contact us again at that time with a new request.

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 regular 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.

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

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