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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0500

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to correspondence with media companies related to the Public Interest Journalism Fund

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 23 January 2023. You requested:

“This is a formal request for all correspondence between your offices and the mainstream media companies specifically relating to the \$55M.

I am specifically interested in correspondence leading up to the launch of the fund, which outlines any terms and conditions for a media company to access the funding.

Now, I know from experience you will attempt to give me the run around and refer me to many other departments, so I have taken the liberty of adding you all into the same request. If you need to liaise with each to furnish me with the correct response, do so between yourselves before you give me the run around.

I am also sending a separate request to NZ On Air.”

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has undertaken a search for correspondence regarding the Public Interest Journalist Fund and has not located any information in scope. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(ii) of the OIA because the information requested is not held by DPMC but is believed to be connected more closely with the functions of NZ on Air as they administer the fund.

While we would normally transfer your request to NZ on Air under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA, you mentioned have also sent a separate request to them. Therefore, I refer you to NZ on Air's response.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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