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Via email: fyi-request-13804-7abbc0b2@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Johnston

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 15 September 2020.

You have requested:

Can you please provide any documents relating to the vetting or establishing the credentials of the doctors appearing on the TVNZ show 'The Check-up', or any correspondence regarding the credibility or appropriateness of views either expressed in the show or held by the doctors appearing in the show.

Under the Broadcasting Act 1989, NZ On Air does not have editorial control or comment on the productions that it funds. The casting and vetting of presenters is an editorial decision and is the responsibility of the producer, Great Southern Television.

In our contracting with the producer we include the following clause to ensure that all Content meets the following broadcast standards and 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 *The Check Up* you may follow the complaints procedure as outlined by the Broadcasting Standard Authority [here](#):

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.

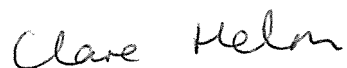
You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes

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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