



30 June 2021

Ref: DOIA 2021-2555

Terry Thomas

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Dear Terry

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2021 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'All communications, briefings, meeting notes (formal and informal ie those in staff notebooks or disposable Post it-style note sheets), minutes and text messages from and to you and/or your staff regarding the proposed film They Are Us sent, received or written in the time period up till 11 June 2021.'

MBIE has interpreted your request as follows:

All communications, briefings, meeting notes (formal and informal ie those in staff notebooks or disposable Post it-style note sheets), minutes and text messages from and to you and/or your staff regarding the proposed film They Are Us sent, received or written in the time period up till 11 June 2021, that relates to an application for funding under the New Zealand Screen Production Grant."

The *They Are Us* production has not made an application for funding under the New Zealand Screen Production Grant. Therefore, your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right to seek investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by free phone to 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



Gina Williamson
Manager, Industry Policy