



1 November 2021

Victoria Muninn

By email: fyi-request-17015-0693e3b9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: OIA-2021/22-0375

Dear Victoria Muninn

Official Information Act request relating to social media influencers paid by the Government as part of the COVID-19 response

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 3 October 2021. You requested:

“Please provide a list of the social media influencers and artists who have received money as part of the Covid response. I email your organisation rather than CreativeNZ because I wish to understand the full scope of payments made and to know which departments or Ministry's participated.

Please also provide copies of the contracts they were required to sign, and any communications or documents that go to their purpose, including any stipulations or responsibilities or messaging they were required to uphold or disseminate according to the arrangement.”

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 29 November 2021.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services