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Tēnā koe Dr Samant

Official information request relating to The Asian Arts Fund

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 18 March 2023.

You have requested the following information relating to the Asian Artists' Fund, a partnership fund between Creative New Zealand and Foundation North, for the years 2022 and 2023:

- 1-What has Foundation North put in place to protect the creative copyright/IP of the applicants to this fund?*
- 2-If they have why was it not explicitly mentioned to the applicants by Foundation North (that their copyright/IP will be protected), on their website and by the outreach team contracted to answer questions?*
- 3-What process was put in place to ensure the outreach team and the assessors respect the copyright/IP of the applicants?*
- 4-Did the outreach team read all the applications and did they sit at the decision making table?*
- 5-What process was put in place to manage conflict of interest of the outreach team with any applications/applicants?*
- 6-What has Foundation North done to inform and educate the applicants, the outreach team and the assessors about creative copyright and IP to ensure openness and transparency in the funding process?*

While Creative New Zealand holds general information related to the Fund, we do not hold the information to respond to your specific questions. As a result, we are needing to refuse your request for information under section 18(g) where the information requested is not held by the department and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another department. We note that Foundation North is not subject to the Act.

As a result, we have consulted with Foundation North who have provided us with answers to your questions. Please see these **enclosed**.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui, nā



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