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Tēnā koe James,

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 1 December 2023.

You have requested:

- The total amount of Public Interest Journalism funding that was allocated to media organisations which has been returned to NZ On Air due to not being spent or utilised.*
- The media organisations have returned PIJF money, if any, the amount, and the date it was returned*

Below is a table detailing the amount of funding returned to the PIJF. This details the funding recipient and the number of applications where funding was underspent.

We are unable to provide you the exact date that each amount of funding was returned. In some instances, funding provided in advance to funding recipients was returned by those applicants to NZ On Air on evidence of an underspend and receipt of a cost report. In other instances, a number of underspent applications did not actually return funding but instead, NZ On Air wrote back remaining funding it was due to pay to the recipient following evidence of an estimated underspend and a final cost report.

Underspent contracts as at 8 December 2023		
Recipient	Number of Applications underspent	Total underspent
Allied Press	1	\$ 24,742
Aotearoa Media Collective	1	\$ 6,465
Attitude Pictures	1	\$ 2,940
BusinessDesk	1	\$ 7,086
GlobalHQ Limited	1	\$ 4,068
Great Southern Television Ltd	1	\$ 5,547
Hawkes Bay App	1	\$ 473
Indo Kiwi United Trust	1	\$ 2,936
Kowhai Media Ltd	3	\$ 10,152
Metro Media Group Limited	1	\$ 1,450

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Newsroom NZ Ltd	3	\$ 104,313
NZME & Whakaata Maori	1 (<i>Te Rito Journalism Project</i>)	\$ 282,042
Pacific Media Network	1	\$ 9,080
Radio Bay of Plenty Limited	1	\$ 2,720
Radio One	1	\$ 1,234
Salient Magazine	1	\$ 440
Stuff	2	\$ 64,426
Te Reo Irirangi O Te Hiku O Te Ika	1	\$ 16,098
Television New Zealand	2	\$ 76,714
The Spinoff	4	\$ 85,225
Three - Local Production	1	\$ 65,046
Total		\$ 773,197

Below is a second table detailing applications that did not eventuate and the amount NZ On Air wrote back for each of these cancelled applications.

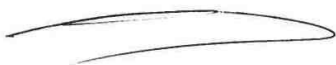
Cancelled contracts as at 8 December 2023		
Recipient	Application Name	
Awa FM	<i>TE AWA</i>	\$ 498,370
North & South Media Limited	<i>System Overhaul</i>	\$ 42,500
North & South Media Limited	<i>Exploring Aotearoa's Chinese Communities</i>	\$ 25,000
Three / Newshub / Discovery	<i>Pasifika Affairs Correspondent</i>	\$ 248,240
Māori Affairs Reporter extension	<i>Newshub</i>	\$ 145,810
Video Journalist/Researcher for Te Reo Kahika News	<i>Te reo irirangi o Maniapoto</i>	\$ 85,000
TVNZ	<i>PIJF Roles</i>	\$ 206,000
Total		\$ 1,250,920

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 regular 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 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



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