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Dear Mr Irish

Official Information Act request dated 11 March 2024

We refer to your email dated 11 March 2024 (your **Request**) requesting follow up information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). Responses to your Request are set out below.

As background, we note your Request relates to the appearance by Nikki Hart on TVNZ's Breakfast show and is a follow up to concerns raised by way of two previous requests under the Act.

Request 1:

Follow up request, I request under the Official Information Act all internal correspondence from TVNZ that relates to this interview.

Response 1:

Section 18(e) of the Act applies to this Request: the information does not exist. In accordance with the Act's principle of transparency, and to assist with resolution of your concerns, we note: the Breakfast team regularly discuss suggestions for upcoming shows. During one of those discussions, the team discussed milk preferences, and suggested that it could be interesting to have a segment featuring a comparative look at the different milks and their health benefits. Nikki Hart was approached simply because she is a well-known nutritionist.

Request 2:

Additionally I request under the Official Information Act all documents TVNZ has on managing conflicts of interest between its advertised accounts and its statutory role of maintaining journalists integrity.

Response 2:

We refer you to responses 2-6 in our letter to you of 6 March, as well as the relevant sections of TVNZ's NCA Handbook provided to you with that letter.

In addition, we refer you to the State Services Code, and per our previous response, the broadcasting standards established under the Broadcasting Act 1989.

Should you consider TVNZ has breached one of the Broadcasting Standards in relation to the issues raised in your correspondence, you are able to make a formal complaint at the following link: <https://corporate.tvnz.co.nz/contact/make-a-formal-complaint/>



Finally, and as you may know, if you are dissatisfied with this response section 28 of the Act provides you with the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,

Official Information Requests Team
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