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Dear Aravinda Marinkovich

Official Information Act request dated 9 May 2024

We refer to your email dated 9 May 2024 (your **Request**) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) in relation to Q+A's 21 April 2024 interview with the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand. TVNZ's Response is set out below.

Request 1: Was the Israeli ambassador, his relevant representative, and/or any third party given the authority to review, make changes, and approve the final cut of the interview? If so: What changes were suggested or made by any party outside of TVNZ/Q&A? Please provide any communications regarding the changes that were requested.

Response 1: No.

Request 2: If there was an expression of concern regarding violation or infringement of any of the BSA principles/standards from anyone within TVNZ, including employees and contractors, in the post-production phase of this interview episode, please provide any communications, including meeting minutes, in which this was discussed

Response 2: Section 18(e) of the Act applies to this request; the information does not exist. (To be clear, there was none).

Request 3: If legal advice was sought in the post-production phase of this interview, please provide all relevant communications and contracts.

Response 3: If legal advice had been sought, then it would be withheld on the basis of section 9(2)(h) of the Act: to protect legal professional privilege.

Request 4: Please provide all external communications/records between TVNZ (including but not limited to TVNZ's employees, contractors, advisors, management or leadership) and the Israeli ambassador or his relevant representatives, and any third party regarding complaints received (up until the date that this OIA request receives its response) for the Q+A interview with the Israeli Ambassador that aired on 21 April 2023, including but not limited to: emails, systems records, file notes, text messages, meeting agenda, meeting minutes, physical documents, memos, Microsoft Teams chat and any other form of digital or physical communication.

Response 4: Complaints about TVNZ programmes may be received via numerous channels and can be made formally or informally. In addition, there are numerous privacy and other legal considerations to take into account in considering the release

of complaint and complaint information. This request has therefore been declined on the basis of section 18(f) of the Act: the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

However, in accordance with the Act's principle of transparency and in order to assist with your query, please let us know if there is a smaller and more specific piece of information we can provide (e.g. what correspondence TVNZ has had with the Israeli Ambassador regarding complaints about this particular episode).

Request 5: Please provide all internal communications/records within TVNZ (including but not limited to communications between TVNZ's employees, contractors, advisors, management or leadership) regarding complaints received (up until the date that this OIA request receives its response) for the Q+A interview with the Israeli Ambassador, including but not limited to emails, systems records, file notes, text messages, meeting agenda, meeting minutes, physical documents, memos, Microsoft Teams chat and any other form of digital or physical communication.

Response 5: Internal communications about complaints have been withheld based on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(a) of the Act: to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- Section 9(2)(b) of the Act: to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- Section 9(2)(g) of the Act: to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by members of an organisation in the course of their duty; and
- Section 9(2)(h) of the Act: legal professional privilege may apply to some of this information.

We trust this information assists. 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
TVNZ