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Kia ora James

### Official Information Act request dated 23 December 2024

We refer to your email dated 23 December 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**).

**Request:** On the 15th of October the TVNZ breakfast show's Jenny-May Clarkson interviewed Hikoi organiser Eru Kapa Kingi.

1. Please provide the full transcript of the off-air pre-show interview with Eru Kapa Kingi and Hone Harawira.
2. Please detail who the interviewer was and the time and date the interview was conducted.
3. Did TVNZ receive any emails concerning the Hikoi interview (for any reason) from @Maori party or parliamentary services email address? Please DO NOT disclose their email address.

This is relevant as questions have been raised by TVNZ's own Jack Tame on Q and A relating to non-disclosure of Kapa Kingi's involvement in the Hikoi and potential use of parliamentary and Māori party resources.

**Response:** Adopting the numbering above:

1. The request for a full transcript is withheld on following grounds:
  - 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)(i) of the Act: to enable TVNZ to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Information about TVNZ's internal news and current affairs operations (including the collection of source information for current affairs segments) is commercially sensitive, and is withheld to enable our newsroom to operate free of influence and without fear or favour. Release of information about how we produce our news and current affairs content would put us at strategic disadvantage to our competitors in the media industry, would mean we could not carry out free and frank editorial discussions, and would mean we could not produce news and current affairs content without disadvantage.

2. The interview was carried out on the afternoon of 14 October 2023 and the interviewer was one of Breakfast's producers (not a public facing role), Their name has been withheld on the following grounds:
  - section 4(c) of the Act which requires the protection of official information to the extent consistent with the public interest and the preservation of personal privacy; and
  - section 9(2)(a) which permits information to be withheld for the protection of the privacy of natural persons.
3. No, TVNZ did not receive any emails concerning the Hikoi interview from parliamentary services or Te Pāti Māori email addresses.

We trust this information assists. If you are dissatisfied with this response, section 28 of the Act sets out the circumstances in which you may make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,  
**Official Information Requests Team**  
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