

14 December 2016

Andrea McCarthy  
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Dear Andrea

**Official Information request for any and all grant applications, assessors' comments and related correspondence with the following organisations dating from 2014 through any current requests:**

- 1. Pantograph Punch**
- 2. Theatreview**
- 3. Theatrescenes**

I refer to your official information request for all any and all grant applications, assessors' comments and related correspondence with the named organisations dating from 2014 through any current requests. We received verification of your eligibility to make this request as a New Zealand resident on 18 November 2016 and are responding within 20 working days of that date.

Your request is being addressed under the provisions of the Official Information Act (OIA) 1982 which is based on the concept that information held by government agencies should be made available on request unless there is good reason for withholding it. As per the Act, we have consulted with the parties concerned when making our decision to release this information.

A list of documents in scope is enclosed (Appendix One) and the documents for release are attached. Creative New Zealand has made the decision to redact information from several documents for the following reasons:

- a) External assessor's names have been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Official Information Act which provides for information to be withheld where this is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and where the making of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

The pool of people who are skilled, available and willing to act as assessors and panel members is very small, reflecting both the size of our country and the relative size of the arts sector. Assessors and panel members are required to provide Creative New Zealand with their free and frank comments about on the proposals before them. It would impede Creative New Zealand's ability to effectively conduct its business if the level of frankness diminished.

In making this decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

- b) Redaction of documents to remove material relating to artists and organisations other than Pantograph Punch, Theatreview and Theatrescenes has been done pursuant to section 17 of the Official Information Act 1982, on the basis that the redacted information is outside the scope of your request.

Please note:

- Creative New Zealand made changes to our grants management system in 2015 resulting in new formatting for application and assessment forms.
- Application processes and related documentation vary across funding programmes. Further information related to application and assessment processes are available on our website at [www.creativenz.govt.nz](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz)
- Assessors are not required to make written comments on proposals, although some choose to do so.
- Each category within external and internal assessments is assessed with a maximum possible score of seven.

This fully covers the information you requested. Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to appeal to the Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the decision to withhold information.

Please feel free to contact Pip O'Flaherty at [pip.o'flaherty@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:pip.o'flaherty@creativenz.govt.nz) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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## Summary of documents for release

Organisation	Application	Document	Released/Withheld	Note
Pantograph Punch	127479 Quick Response 13/14/ Round 2	Application form	Released	External assessment is not required for Quick Response funding
		Internal assessment	Released	
	127927 Arts Grant 13/14/Round 2	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessment 1	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and (s17)	
		External assessment 2	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and (s17)	
		External assessment 3	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and (s17)	
	127666 Quick Response 13/14/ Round 3	Application form	Released	External assessment is not required for Quick Response funding
		Internal assessment	Released	
	000123 Arts Grant 14/15/ Round 1	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessments	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i))	
	002787 Arts Grant 15/16/ Round 1	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessments	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and s17	

Organisation	Application	Document	Released/Withheld	Note
	Arts Grants applications	Emails	Released	
Theatreview Trust	127926 Arts Grant 13/14/ Round 2	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessment 1	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and s17	
		External assessment 2	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and s17	
		External assessment 3	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i)) and s17	
	000079 Arts Grant 14/15/ Round 2	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessment	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i))	
	002602 Arts Grant 15/16 Round 1	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessment	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i))	
	004000 Arts Grant 15/16/ Round 2	Application form	Released	
		Internal assessment	Released	
		External assessment	Released redacted (s9 (2)(ba)(i))	
	003417 Quick Response	Application form	Released	

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	15/16 Round 2	Internal assessment	Released	
	Arts Grants applications	Emails	Released	
Theatrescenes	Creative New Zealand does not hold any documents related to Theatrescenes.			