

20 February 2018

Joss J.

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Dear Joss J.

I refer to your email of 22 December 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. As custodian of the TVNZ Archive collection can you please confirm the actual total number of ITEMS and the total number of HOURS held in the TVNZ Archive collection.*
- 2. If the actual total number of items doesn't match MCH's 2013 figure of 647,000 items can you please provide all official information that the Ministry holds relating how/why/when the total number changed from the 2013 briefing.*

The Cabinet paper that approved the transfer of the archive stated the collection contained 647,000 items. A 2012 aide memoire to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage states that the TVNZ archive "holds around 560,000 hours of footage." Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision (Ngā Taonga) used the figure of 435,000 items in its Briefing to the Incoming Minister as it is the closest estimate of the collection size it can provide since the collection size has never been audited. Such an audit has not been the highest priority for Ngā Taonga to date, which has instead focused on digital preservation of the most at-risk material in the vault. However there are plans to complete this audit within the next six months.

Ngā Taonga intends to share its methodology for the audit with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and the results will provide the first (and as far as we are aware, only) comprehensive stocktake of how many items (as opposed to titles) are in the collection.

- 3. Can you please provide me with the letter from Nga Taonga in response to Minister Barry's Letter of Expectations 2017/18. Minister Barry asks for a response which outlines the challenges and opportunities and how the Board intends to respond to her expectations.*

Please find this letter enclosed.

- 4. Could you please supply the four zip computer files that were emailed to the Ministry on 20 May 2014. The email is titled "FW: Archive Scanned documents", and contains a forwarded message and attachments from the Archive System Specialist at the TVNZ Archive.*

I note that TVNZ has recently released these to you in full and are available for public access at:

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/7082-tvnz-archive-database-fields#outgoing-13242>.

All information captured by your request that is held by the Ministry has been released.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Chaplin', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

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