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Tēnā koe Nic

I refer to your request received on 19 April 2022, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- *Are you able to give a breakdown of the number of funding applications that have been submitted in New Zealand Sign language (NZSL) over the last three financial years?*
- *Does your funding platform currently allow for video-based submissions to be assessed, and if not, what is the timeline for this?*

In this instance, we have interpreted 'funding applications that have been submitted' as 'funding applications submitted to Manatū Taonga'.

Regarding the first portion of your request, we do not capture this information. Therefore, the first portion of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Manatū Taonga.

However, through conversations with fund managers within Manatū Taonga, we have found no evidence that any funding applications have been submitted to Manatū Taonga, completely or primarily, in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL).

Regarding the second portion of your request, the online funding platform used by Manatū Taonga for many of our funds does not have the capability to accept video-based submissions of funding applications.

Despite the limitations of this platform, all funds administered by Manatū Taonga allow for video submissions to be received via email upon request by the applicant, including videos in which applicants are using NZSL.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@mch.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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