

9 May 2022

Nic Lane

By email: fyi-request-19165-267a5d6a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Nic,

19 APRIL 2022: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 19 April 2022 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982.

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

Answers to your specific questions are set out below.


No applications in New Zealand Sign Language have been submitted to the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) in the last three financial years.

Funding guidelines for all NZFC discretionary funds currently require written applications via an online form.

Some funds administered by the NZFC Talent Development Department have a video pitch as part of the application, however the full application is unable to be submitted in video form.

Applications to the New Zealand Screen Production Grant (International and Domestic) do not currently allow for video-based submissions.

The NZFC is soon to launch a Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. One of the initiatives under this Strategy is a review of the funding application process to ensure it is accessible and inclusive – this includes the ability to submit video-based applications. The estimated timeline for this is 2024 – however this timeline is not definitive and is subject to change.



Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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