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Kia ora James

Official Information Act request dated 19 December 2024

We refer to your email dated 19 December 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**).

Request: Under the OIA please provide the following:

1. Total subscription spend for TVNZ if different to \$42,545.
2. Number of staff who are receiving a subscription(s) paid for by TVNZ.
3. Please list all the subscriptions that are paid for and the number and subtotal for each service. e.g. Sky Tv 20 subscriptions and total cost; NBR 10 subscriptions and total cost.

Response: With respect to request 1, the figure to which you refer is the total cost of all commercial Pay TV subscriptions for FY23 *within TVNZ* (i.e. for all commercial subscriptions – priced at a commercial not personal level – for pay television used within TVNZ premises including in our various newsrooms and content production spaces. TVNZ does not pay for personal television subscriptions.

The information requested in bullet points 2 and 3 is not able to be provided without substantial collation or research. This aspect of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the Act.

That is because all subscriptions, including memberships for professional organisations (e.g. for our chartered accountants and lawyers) are categorised by our financial reporting systems as “memberships and subscriptions”. In addition, subscriptions are not usually recorded at an individual level; they are recorded at the business unit level as they are provided for business use purposes e.g. the Research Library holds subscriptions to many major media publications for the purposes of news production.

However, to assist you, and in accordance with the Act’s principle of availability, if there is a specific publication about which you require information, please set out that request with due particularity in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act (e.g. what is the total cost of subscriptions to the NBR?)

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
TVNZ