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Kia ora James

Official Information Act request dated 18 March 2026

We refer to your email dated 18 March 2026 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). We have numbered your request for ease of response.

Request 1: The number of complaints if any, regarding the behaviour and conduct of TVNZ's press gallery in the last 12 months. This should include both internal and external complaints.

Response 1: This request is declined on the basis of section s18(e): no information is responsive to this request.

Request 2: Any communications including but not limited to emails and texts from or to NZME or their representatives/employees regarding the behaviour and conduct of TVNZ press gallery members in the last 12 months.

Response 2: TVNZ receives a high volume of correspondence from NZME, mostly in the form of media enquiries. To review 12 months of correspondence to locate any responsive information would require substantial collation and research. This request is therefore declined on the basis of section 18(f) of the Act.

In this respect, we draw your attention to section 12(2) of the Act which requires requests for official information to be specified with due particularity. Note in addition that, in general, any responsive information regarding "behaviour or conduct" of TVNZ staff members is likely to be withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba), and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals, maintain obligations of confidence, and preserve the free and frank expression of opinions in internal and external communications.

Request 3: Is TVNZ aware of any bullying accusations involving any of its press gallery members in the last 12 months, if so when did TVNZ become aware? When and where did the alleged incidents take place? How was TVNZ made aware of these allegations? What action if any was taken? Did the accusations/incident involve other members of the press gallery not employed by TVNZ?

Request 4: Has the TVNZ board been made aware of any bullying allegations/incidents in the last 12 months involving TVNZ press gallery members? Has the Minister of



Broadcasting been made aware of bullying allegations/incidents involving TVNZ press gallery members and non-TVNZ gallery members under the no surprises rule?

Responses 3 and 4: These lists of questions are not requests for official information and are therefore declined under section 18(g) of the Act: the OIA does not require agencies to create information in order to respond to requests.

Request 5: Please provide TVNZ's policy on bullying.

Response 5: Relevant excerpts from TVNZ's Harmful Conduct Policy are attached.

If you are dissatisfied with this response section 28 of the Act provides you with the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,
Official Information Requests Team
TVNZ