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Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Minister for National Security & Intelligence

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Joss J.

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Dear Joss J.

I refer to your OIA request dated 5 November 2017, for the following information, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *The current MoU between the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Ngā Taonga*
2. *Details of any actions that the former Minister (Maggie Barry) undertook to ensure Ngā Taonga kept to the outcomes of the MoU (1 August 2014 - 30 June 2017). Specifically, actions relating to the following two clauses detailed in the MoU:*

MoU Schedule 4, clause 7.2 (i.e. "The Archive will progressively digitise the content of the TVNZ Archive for the purpose of making it available on the internet...the following number of items will be digitised each year...[table of digitised items and their availability online]..")

MoU Schedule 4, clause 12.1 and 12.2 (i.e. Nga Taonga will copy the TVNZ Archive database "onto a database that is accessible to the public on the internet at regular intervals").

I will respond to each of these requests in turn.

The current MoU

This document is already in the public domain – you may access it at the following website - <https://fyi.org.nz/request/6578-tvnz-archive-material>. Note that this MoU has been extended until 30 June 2018 by mutual agreement, and therefore remains current.

Actions by the former Minister

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage has advised the following actions undertaken by the former Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage in relation to clauses 7.2, 12.1 and 12.2 of the MoU Schedule 4.

In addition to the specific reporting requirements outlined in Schedule 2 of the MoU referred to above, the former Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage requested (in a letter of expectations dated 23 March 2017) that Ngā Taonga provide the Ministry with a report on progress with the TVNZ digitisation process by the end of the financial year (i.e. 30 June 2018). This document is also in the public domain – you may access it

at the website address above. The Minister looks forward to receiving Ngā Taonga's progress report in the New Year.

I am not aware of any specific actions undertaken by the former Minister in relation to database management (i.e. clauses 12.1 and 12.2 of Schedule 4), and therefore I refuse this part of your request under sections 18 (g) (i) and (ii) of the OIA on the basis that the information does not exist.

You have the right to seek a 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Simpson', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Heather Simpson
Advisor