

8 March 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request transferred from the Minister for Broadcasting and Media to the Ministry on 9 February 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

could you please advise how much money has been spent on the media merger [work relating to Aotearoa New Zealand Public Media] so far

The total cost to date for the programme identified to end December 2022 was \$16.1 million. January and February costs are yet to be totalled and in closing down the programme we expect additional costs to be accrued.

This information will be published on the Ministry's website following receipt of final invoices. We expect this to be completed by the end of March 2023. Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information you have requested will soon be publicly available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia@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.

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