

15 June 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 17 May 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

“Willie Jackson's recent media statement was that the revised form of the reform would save \$364.7m over four years.

How is that calculated?

What was the original figure for the RNZ TVNZ merger and what was it made up of?

What is the new guide and what is it made up of?

Is the saving figure \$364.7m”

We have decided to refuse your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested is already publicly available.

Enclosed is the following Cabinet Paper material published on the Ministry website at: <https://mch.govt.nz/sites/default/files/projects/Strengthen-Public-Media-Cabinet-Material.pdf>.

More specifically, the information you are seeking can be found in Appendix One 'Uncommitted funding Budget 2022 and reprioritisation' on Page 20.

You may also find the relevant media release helpful, which contains a breakdown of the new funding: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-boost-deliver-world-class-public-media-all-new-zealanders>.

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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