A DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION

Incentives: The New Zealand Screen Production Grant, Large Budget Screen Production Grant and the Post, Digital and Visual Effects Grant

Since November 2003, the New Zealand Government has encouraged international screen production studies to locate their productions in New Zealand by offering large budget productions an incentive. The original incentive was known as the Large Budget Screen Production Grant (LBSP Grant) which was a 12.5 percent rebate on qualifying New Zealand production expenditure (QNZPE) (goods and services provided in New Zealand).

In 2007, the LBSP Grant was increased to a 15 percent rebate and the Post, Digital and Visual Effects Grant (PDV Grant) was announced for productions which undertook post, digital and visual effects work in New Zealand, also with a 15 percent rebate.

In 2014, the LBSP Grant and PDV Grant were replaced with the New Zealand Screen Production Grant (NZSPG) for International Productions and the rebate was increased to 20 percent of QNZPE. The threshold for feature films is NZ$15 million, for TV NZ$4 million and for PDV projects NZ$1 million.

All figures are NZD and exclude GST.

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, figures to 31 December 2014.

*Note: The Hobbit trilogy is the only production in the list that is still incoming NZ qualifying expenditure.

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