



17 September 2021

30 AUGUST 2021: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email transferred to the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 30 August 2021, you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *I would like to request how many foreign nationals were employed on the production of Lord Of The Rings Television production. This is the Production Company of Amazon Studios. This is associated with startup in 2020, and the actual production in 2021, please.*

In a subsequent email to the NZFC, you requested the following information:

2. *My extra request is what was total Qualifying NZ Production Spending, from the start up in 2020 to the production through to 2021. This is when the Production of L.O.R. was finish in 2021.*
3. *What was the total Government rebates', for the period associated with the production from 2020 to 2021, and the approved dates please.*
4. *Can I have how many people in total, actually worked on the L.O.R. with the production in NZ please.*


Answers to your questions are set out below.

Based on the crew list provided on 16 March 2021 by GSR Productions (Untitled Amazon Project), 1564 crew in total were employed on the production. Of these:

- 91% (1431) were New Zealanders
- 9% (133) were non-New Zealanders

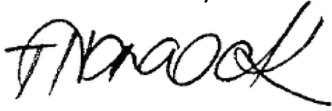
A New Zealand Screen Production Grant (NZSPG) final application for GSR Productions has not been received. A NZSPG interim application for GSR Productions has been received and is still undergoing assessment, therefore, the Qualifying New Zealand Production Expenditure is not known at this time.

NZSPG approved applications are published each quarter on the NZFC website www.nzfilm.co.nz. The interim application for GSR Productions will be published at the quarter ending 31 December 2021.



Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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