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Te Tumu Whakaata Taonga

7 MARCH 2022: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email to the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) dated 7 March 2022, you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. What support was allocated to the HBO production *Peacemaker* from the New Zealand Film Commission?
2. What criteria did *Peacemaker* meet to receive support from the New Zealand Film Commission?
3. Why is information about this past funding decision not publicly available on the New Zealand Film Commission website?

Our response is set out below:

The New Zealand Screen Production Grant (NZSPG) is the New Zealand Government's screen incentives scheme. It has two streams: one for international productions, which includes a Post, Digital and Visual Effects Grant (PDV), and one for New Zealand productions.


The NZSPG is not NZFC funding. The NZFC administer the international grant on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and the New Zealand grant on behalf of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

In establishing the International Grant, the New Zealand Government recognises that large budget screen productions and PDV Activity contribute to New Zealand's economic development by providing valuable economic, employment and skill development opportunities for the New Zealand screen production industry. The purpose of the PDV Grant is to specifically foster capacity and new business development for PDV Productions in New Zealand.

The production you refer to has registered for NZSPG-International, specifically the PDV Grant.

No grant amount has been claimed, assessed or approved for this production at this time. Applicants have six months to submit a Final application for the NZSPG once their production is complete. To date, we have not received a Final application for the production specified in your request.

To be eligible for the NZSPG, applicants must satisfy all of the requirements of the criteria. One of the eligibility requirements is that all applicants must provide an end credit in the final production: "The filmmakers acknowledge the assistance of the New Zealand Government's Screen Production Grant". The NZFC logo must also be included, to acknowledge our role as the administrators of the NZSPG.



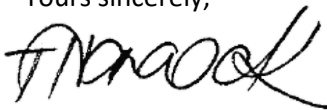
A summary of previous grant recipients is published quarterly on the NZFC website. These summaries and an overview of the NZSPG are available via the links below:

NZSPG-International: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/incentives-co-productions/nzspg-international>

NZSPG-NZ: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/incentives-co-productions/nzspg-nz>

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

Yours sincerely,



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