

17 April 2023

Te Tumu Whakaata Taonga

**14 APRIL 2023: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I wish to advise that your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) was transferred to the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage on 14 April 2023. You have requested:

1. *Please provide a year-on-year breakdown of the grants 'Avatar' has received from the Large Budget Screen Production Grant (LBSPG) since its 2013.*
2. *"Provide a year on year breakdown of any subsidy that the NZ Film Commission to the 'Avatar' franchise since the Memorandum of Understanding with Lightstorm Entertainment and Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation was signed in 2013."*
3. *Please provide a breakdown of future subsidies/grants related to the Memorandum of Understanding with the 'Avatar' franchise.*

In response to parts one and two of your request, all approved grants for the Large Budget Screen Production Grant (LBSPG) and the New Zealand Screen Production Grant (NZSPG) are made publicly available on the NZFC website. You can find these [here](#) by selecting the PDF titled *LBSPG & NZSPG-International Grants Approved* at the end of the page.

Regarding part three of your request, future grants can only be made publicly available once they have been approved and paid. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(a) of the OIA: a request may be refused that, by virtue of section 6, 7 or 9 of the OIA there is good reason for withholding the information.

Please note that we will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) on the NZFC website.

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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