

29 July 2024

17 JULY 2024: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 17 July 2024 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding all approved screen production rebates, both international and domestic, from January 2010 to July 2024. Please provide the following information in a tabular format for each approved production that accessed the PDV (Post, Digital, and Visual Effects) grant:

1. Details for each production:

- Production Name
- Qualifying New Zealand production expenditure amount (\$)
- Date of approval
- Amount of qualifying expenditure allocated to PDV (Post, Digital, and Visual Effects) vs. Screen Production Rebate (\$)
- Amount from Government given to production for PDV (Post, Digital, and Visual Effects) vs. Screen Production Rebate (\$).

2. 5% uplift:


- List of productions that accessed the New Zealand Screen Production Rebate and also accessed the 5% uplift.
- Criteria points met by each production to qualify for the 5% uplift.

Information in relation to Part 1 of your request is publicly available and can be found on the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) website here:

- [Approved Screen Production Rebates - International Productions \(nzfilm.co.nz\)](https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/industry-rebates/international-productions)
- [Approved Screen Production Rebates - New Zealand Productions \(nzfilm.co.nz\)](https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/industry-rebates/new-zealand-productions)

These lists are updated on a quarterly basis.

Regarding the first bullet point of Part 2 of your request, this information is also publicly available via the International Productions list above.



Regarding the second bullet point of Part 2 of your request: since the introduction of the 5% Uplift in 2014, and prior to its redevelopment in 2023, eight productions have entered into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) under the 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019 criteria: *Avatar Sequels*, *Power Rangers Dino Charge*, *Pete's Dragon*, *Ghost in the Shell*, *The Meg*, *Mortal Engines*, *Mulan* and *Our Flag Means Death Season 2*. All these productions, with the exception of the *Avatar Sequels* still in progress, have received their final (25%) rebate payments.

The redeveloped 5% Uplift came into effect on 1 November 2023:
<https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/incentives-co-productions/nzspr-international-productions/accessing-5-uplift>

The new Uplift does not require productions to enter into an MOU and applications are no longer by invitation only. Rebate payments made to eligible productions under the 2023 criteria will be published when available, via the NZFC's list of approved Rebates for international productions.

The NZFC is withholding application materials for the 5% Uplift that specify Criteria points met by each production to qualify for the 5% Uplift under the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(b)(ii): To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i): to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Information on productions that have accessed the 5% Uplift can be found here: [Made in New Zealand \(nzfilm.co.nz\)](#).

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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