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AIDE MEMOIRE: NATIONAL EREBUS MEMORIAL UPDATE

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Purpose

- 1 This Aide Memoire updates you on progress on the project, with a focus on engagement with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the impact of delay on the cost of construction.

Engagement with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

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- 3 In the week of 14 June, we were advised the Taumata Executive was unable to meet and have been unable to confirm a date since then. We do not have clarity over why this is the case and are considering options to achieve more satisfactory engagement. We will keep you updated on progress.

Cost of construction

- 4 As signalled in our last update we have assessed the potential impact of the delay on construction costs. The increases identified so far need further analysis before firm conclusions can be drawn but cost increases can be expected.

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6 In our next update we will report on our findings and the options available to us.

Communications and Media

7 Media activity, including social media, is at a very low level. No significant proactive communication is planned for the near future. Official information requests continue to be received at a rate of two to three each week. Additional contractor resource has been engaged to ensure we continue to supply timely responses.

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