

DOIA22/277

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 2 December 2022 for information relating to the National Erebus Memorial, under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your request and the Ministry's response is below.

- 1. Can I please have any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Associate Minister) or the Minister Hon Carmel Sepuloni from 21 October 2022 until 4 November 2022 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.**

This information was provided to you on 16 November 2022, in response to OIA request DOIA22/251. Please find attached a copy of this response for your convenience.

- 2. Can you please also provide me with the most up to date cost information for the proposed Erebus Memorial as at 30 November 2022. I would appreciate the costs being broken down as previously into materials, design consultation, technical consultants, consent and operating costs along with the total cost figure.**
- 3. If you could also please confirm the total amount spent on security, project management and keeping Naylor Love on Standby from 31 October until 30 November 2022.**

I am releasing to you a table showing a breakdown of costs.

| Topic | Spend as at 30 November 2022 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Materials | \$211,507.50 |
| Design Consultation | \$666,265.75 |
| Technical consultants | \$63,081.27 |
| Consents | \$23,730.05 |
| Operating costs | \$497,216.30 |

The total spend as at 30 November 2022 is \$2,553,252.86 (this is the total costs including those not supplied in the breakdown above).

A breakdown of the project management costs, security costs, and costs to keep the main contractor on standby are being withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA 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. We can supply the total for the 3 services combined.

| Topic | Spend between 1 November 2022 and 30 November 2022 |
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| Security/Main Contractor/Project Management | \$11,151.32 |

As you are aware further details on costs are available here: <https://mch.govt.nz/erebus-memorial/faqs#14>, this figure is updated at the end of each Financial Year quarter.

In instances where material is withheld, the Ministry has considered the public interest as per section 9(1) of the OIA. We do not believe the public interest outweighs the need to withhold this information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@mch.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by an Ombudsman of this decision.

Nāku noa, nā

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