

DOIA22/289
DOIA23/004

13 January 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 16 December 2022 and 12 January 2023 for information relating to the National Erebus Memorial, under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your requests 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 25 November 2022 until 16 December 2022 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.**

I have decided to release one document related to your request, titled *AM2022/657 Meeting with Wayne Brown, Mayor of Auckland*, dated 29 November 2022. I have decided to release this document, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials

In addition, some information has been deleted where it is not within the scope of your request.

No information being withheld in the above-mentioned document relate to the National Erebus Memorial.

- 2. 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 25 November 2022 until 12 January 2022 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.**

There are no additional documents within the scope of your request, other than the information that is being provided to you in relation to the above request (DOIA22/289).

Can I also please have all costs associated with the memorial to 31 December 2022 as per previous breakdowns [into materials, design consultation, technical consultants, consent, and operating costs along with the total cost figure. If you could also please confirm the total amount spent on security, project management and keeping Naylor Love on Standby from 1 December 2022 until 31 December 2022.]

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

Topic	Spend as at 31 December 2022
Materials	\$211,507.50
Design Consultation	\$666,265.75
Technical consultants	\$63,081.27
Consents	\$23,730.05
Operating costs	\$627,479.78

The total spend as at 31 December 2022 is \$2,711,235.20 (this is the total costs including those not supplied in the breakdown above).

The spend above includes some contractor costs from September 2022 previously miscoded due to an administrative oversight. This additional cost was not made available in previous OIA requests relating to the National Erebus Memorial costs. Our website will also be updated to reflect this cost.

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 December 2022 and 31 December 2022
Security/Main Contractor/Project Management	\$27,718.86

As you are aware further details on costs are available here: <https://mch.govt.nz/erebus-memorial/fags#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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