

8 March 2023

DOIA23/015

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 23 January 2023 which have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

1. *Can I please have all documents in relation to this contract [the contract listed as "Erebus memorial Site Lead between 5 January and 22 May 2022"], including including [sic] what the contracted person/people were briefed to do, any reports provided by them to MCH and the reason for the contract ending.*

We are releasing to you a copy of the contract signed for this role, which details the purpose of the contract. Due to the nature of the role, there was not expectation to generate 'reports' as you specify in your request, but instead there was an expectation to co-ordinate and collaborate with other staff working on the project to ensure the Ministry has the required capability and project management for the Erebus Memorial Project. Therefore, there are no reports solely created by this position. The contract came to a natural conclusion as much of the work programme was paused whilst the Ministry followed through with the recommendation of the Ombudsman.

A small amount of personal information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

2. *Can you also please advise if other consultants have been hired by MCH in relation to the Erebus memorial and if so, in what capacity and what was the cost?*

Based on question one, we have interpreted your request as being any other contracted staff utilised to support the project. The table below outlines further details since the 2019/20 financial year.

#	Details of the contract	FY engaged	Actual paid to 20 Feb 2023	Summary of services
1	Tregaskis Brown Limited Erebus project manager	22/23	\$108,330	Short-term project manager to bring expertise liaising and coordinating activity.
2	OCG Consulting Senior Communications Advisor	20/21	\$27,614	Temporary Senior Communications Advisor to support Erebus Project.
3	OCG Consulting Senior Ministerial	21/22	\$52,383	Temporary Senior Ministerial Adviser to support Erebus Project due to

	Advisor			significant increase in requests for information
4	OCG Consulting Senior Communications Advisor	21/22	\$20,985	Senior Communications Advisor to support Erebus Project.
5	GBL Personnel Ltd Executive Support for Erebus Project	22/23	\$29,084	Executive Support for Erebus Project
6	HAYS Specialist Recruitment Coordinator	21/22	\$74,870	Temporary Coordinator support

To be clear, the contracts numbered 1-6 in the table above have already been included in the costs that are provided to you on a regular basis.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia@mch.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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