

DOIA22/018
DOIA23/020

24 January 2023

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9

I refer to your requests received on 1 and 2 February 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 also please have any reports, correspondence, or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua / Mataharehare from Thursday 26 November until today between staff, Ministers, Erebus family members and Auckland Council.**

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	31 Jan 2023	Teams Message from an admin staff member to Te Pae Mahara Manager Brodie Stubbs	Released in full
2	1 Feb 2023	Email Correspondence between the Ministry and The Building Intelligence Group (tbig): <i>RE: Draft Memo to CE – National Erebus Decision November 2022</i>	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) and as out of scope
3	1 Feb 2023	Email Correspondence between the Ministry and Auckland Council: <i>Erebus Memorial Update</i>	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) and as out of scope
4	1 Feb 2023	Email Correspondence between the Ministry and Auckland Council: <i>Dove Myer Robinson - Land Slip</i>	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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

- 2. Can I please have any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Former Associate Minister) or the Minister Hon Carmel Sepuloni from 12 November 2022 until 2 February 2023 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 previous requests on 16 December 2022 (DOIA22/263 and DOIA22/268) and on 10 February 2023 (DOIA22/289 and DOIA23/004).

3. Can I also please have all costs associated with the memorial to 31 January 2023 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 January 2022 until 31 January 2022.]

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

Cost type	Spend as at 31 January 2023
Materials	\$211,507.50
Design Consultation	\$666,265.75
Technical consultants	\$63,581.27
Consents	\$23,730.05
Operating costs	\$655,820.29

The total spend as at 31 January 2023 is \$2,743,337.92 (this is the total cost, including costs not supplied in the breakdown above).

A breakdown of 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 January 2023 and 31 January 2023
Security/Main Contractor/Project Management	\$3,262.21

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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