

21 April 2023

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 23 February 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request and response are below:

Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 2 February 2023 until 23 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 the attached.

Any reports, correspondence, or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua/Mataharehare from 2 February 2023 until today between Ministry staff, or between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Document Description	Decision
1	Emails in Scope	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(j), and as out of scope.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the information listed above, subject to information being withheld under 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
- section 9(2)(j) – enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Please note that administrative emails, such as correspondence relating to responding to OIA requests, have been excluded.

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

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.

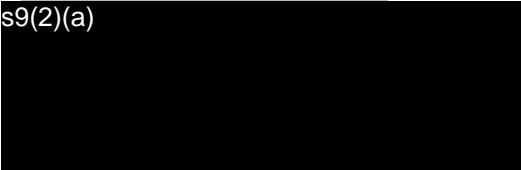
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@mch.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Ministry's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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Glenis Philip-Barbara
Pou Mataaho o Te Hua - Deputy Chief Executive, Delivery

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