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I refer to your requests received on 10 and 17 March 2023, and clarified on 20 March 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. Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 3 March 2023 until 10 March 23 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.**
- 2. Any reports, correspondence or information relating to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 3 March 2023 until 10 March 23 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.**
- 3. Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 10 March 2023 until 17 March 2023 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.**
- 4. Any reports, correspondence or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 10 March 2023 until 17 March 2023 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.**

No documents were provided to Hon Sepuloni regarding the National Erebus Memorial between 3 March and 17 March 2022 (inclusive). Additionally, the Ministry has identified no correspondence or information relating to the cliff collapse at Taurarua between 3 March and 17 March 2023. Therefore, the above sections of your requests are refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information you have requested do not exist.

- 5. Can I please have the unto date costings broken down as per previous cost requests to the end of the month of February 2023**

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

Cost type	Spend as at 28 February 2023
Materials	\$211,507.50
Design Consultation	\$675,577.00
Technical consultants	\$63,581.27
Consents	\$23,730.05
Operating costs	\$692,365.05

The total spend as at 28 February 2023 is \$2,794,393.93 (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 to unreasonably 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 February 2023 and 28 February 2023
Security/Main Contractor/Project Management	\$5,200.00

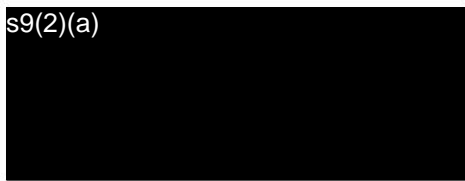
As you are aware further details on costs are available here: <https://mch.govt.nz/erebus-memorial/faqs#14>, this figure is updated at the end of each Financial Year quarter.

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 uia@mch.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by an Ombudsman of this decision.

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