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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 23 March 2022, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your requests and the Ministry's response is below.

- 1. Following the Boffa Miskell report of 2018 commissioned by the Ministry, how much money has been spent in total on the proposed Erebus memorial at Dove Myer Robinson park by the Ministry?**

The Boffa Miskell Report titled 'Erebus Disaster Memorial Site Selection Process' is dated 17 August 2018.

The Ministry prepares expenditure reports on a monthly basis.

In order to provide you with the most accurate figure available in relation to the above portion of your request, I am providing you with both the total spend as at 31 July 2018 and the total spend as at 31 March 2023.

The total spend as at 31 July 2018 was \$12,867.00 (this is the total cost, including costs not supplied in the breakdown below).

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

Cost type	Spend as at 31 July 2018
Materials	\$0.00
Design Consultation	\$0.00
Technical consultants	\$12,087.00
Consents	\$0.00
Operating costs	\$780.00

Additionally, The total spend as at 31 March 2023 is \$2,826,801.27 (this is the total cost, including costs not supplied in the breakdown below).

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

Cost type	Spend as at 31 March 2023
Materials	\$211,507.50
Design Consultation	\$678,577.00
Technical consultants	\$78,476.91
Consents	\$23,730.05
Operating costs	\$705,363.75

A breakdown of project management costs, security costs, and costs to keep the main contractor on standby would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. We have supplied the total for the 3 services combined below:

Topic	Spend between 1 March 2023 to 31 March 2023
Security/Main Contractor/Project Management	\$1,513.00

- 2. Following the recent adverse weather events of flooding and a cyclone, and the associated collapse of the cliff and land at the proposed memorial site, how much money has been spent in total on the proposed Erebus memorial by the Ministry?**
- 3. Could the Ministry please provide a full breakdown of the financial costs involved for each of the questions above**

As the recent flooding (Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods 2023) and cyclone (Cyclone Gabrielle) in the Upper North Island occurred as part of separate weather events and on several days and continues to have a financial and environmental impact on much of Auckland including on Dove-Myer Robinson Park; we are unable to determine a specific date from which to supply these costs.

There has been one cost incurred associated with the National Erebus Memorial that was not projected until the Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods 2023, which began 27 January 2023. The cost incurred was for geotechnical advice commissioned by the Ministry following cliff collapse.

The total cost for this advice is 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.

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.

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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