

8 May 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 28 March 2023, 31 March 2023, 11 April 2023 and 16 April 2023, which have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your requests and responses are below.

1. [DOIA23/072] Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 17 March 2023 until 24 March 2023 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.
2. [DOIA23/075] Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 24 March 2023 until and including 31 March 2023 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.
3. [DOIA23/084] Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 24 March 2023 until 11 April 2023 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.
4. [DOIA23/086] Any reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Minister Carmel Sepuloni from 11 April 2023 until 16 April 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.

5. [DOIA23/072] Any reports, correspondence, or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 17 March 2023 until 24 March 2023 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.
6. [DOIA23/075] Any reports, correspondence, or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 24 March 2023 until 31 March 2023 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.
7. [DOIA23/084] Any reports, correspondence, or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 24 March 2023 until 11 April 2023 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.

- 8. [DOIA23/086] Any reports, correspondence or information in relation to the cliff collapse at Taurarua from 11 April 2023 until 16 April 2023 internally and between the Ministry and Ministers, Erebus family members or Auckland Council.**

Please find enclosed the following, in scope of parts 5 – 8 of your requests:

Appendix One	Emails in Scope
Appendix Two	Text Messages in Scope

The text messages in Appendix Two relate to follow-ups between the Ministry, The Building Intelligence Group (tbig), and Auckland Council, in relation to receiving Geotechnical advice following the significant weather events that occurred in Auckland in January and February 2023.

The Geotechnical report was received by the Ministry on 11 April 2023.

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

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.

- 9. [DOIA23/072] Any correspondence between Auckland Council and MCH in relation to the proposed Erebus memorial between 1 December 2022 and 24 March 2023.**
- 10. [DOIA23/075] Any correspondence between Auckland Council and MCH in relation to the proposed Erebus memorial between 24 March 2023 and 31 March 2023.**
- 11. [DOIA23/084] Any correspondence between Auckland Council and MCH in relation to the proposed Erebus memorial between 24 March 2023 and 11 April 2023.**
- 12. [DOIA23/086] Any correspondence between Auckland Council and MCH in relation to the proposed Erebus memorial between 11 April 2023 and 16 April 2023.**

There are no additional documents within the scope of your request, other than the information that has already been provided to you in the attached and in previous OIA responses.

- 13. [DOIA23/084] Any images of the cliff face and surrounds as shared with MCH between 31 March and 11 April 2023.**

14. [DOIA23/086] Any images of the cliff face and surrounds as shared with MCH between 11 April 2023 and 16 April 2023.

There are no additional documents within the scope of your request, other than the information that has already been provided to you in the attached and in previous OIA responses.

15. [DOIA23/075] Any engineering reports or correspondence between ENGEO and MCH between 1 February 2023 and 31 March 2023 in relation to the proposed Erebus memorial.

16. [DOIA23/075] Any other Engineering reports or briefing to any other engineering firm between 1 February 2023 and 31 March 2023.

17. [DOIA23/086] Any reports from ENGEO (including interim or initial assessments) from 17 Feb until 16 April 2023.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is, or will soon be, publicly available on the Ministry's website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Link
1	11 April 2023	Erebus Memorial – Updated Geotech Engineering Report 11 April 2023	https://mch.govt.nz/sites/default/files/projects/Manatu-taonga-updated-geotech-engineering-report-11-april-2023.pdf

There are no additional documents within the scope of parts 15 - 17 of your request, other than the information that has already been provided to you in the attached.

18. [DOIA23/075] Finally can I please have the [up to] date costings broken down as per previous cost requests to the end of the month of March 2023.

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

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.

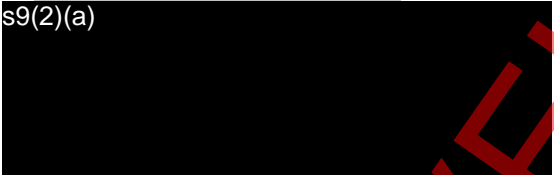
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia@mch.govt.nz.

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.

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

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