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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 11 August 2022 for the following information:

[A]ny reports, briefings, memos, aide memories, or other documents by title and date provided to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Associate Minister) or the Minister Hon Carmel Sepuloni from 28 July 2022 until 11 [August] 2022 in relation to the establishment of the National Erebus Memorial.

There is one paper relevant to your request, titled *AM2022/398: National Erebus Memorial*, dated 29 July 2022. I have decided to release this document, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- *section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons*
- *section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions*

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.

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