

DOIA22/218

31 October 2022

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Tēnā koe

I refer to your requests received on 30 September 2022 for information relating to the National Erebus Memorial, under the Official Information Act 1982. On 30 September 2022, you requested the following information:

- *Can you please provide me with the most up to date cost information for the proposed Erebus Memorial as at 30 September 2022.*
- *I would appreciate the costs being broken down as previously into materials, design consultation, technical consultants, consent and operating costs along with the total cost figure.*
- *If you could also please confirm the total amount spent on security, project management and keeping Naylor Love on Standby from 1 October 2021 until 30 September 2022.*

You then clarified the final part of your request, on 30 September 2022, to the following:

In that case can you please provide the monthly combined cost of those figures [amount spent on security, project management and costs to keep the main contractor on standby from 1 September 2022] to 30 September 2022

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

Topic	Spend as at 30 September 2022
Materials	\$211,507.50
Design Consultation	\$666,265.75
Technical consultants	\$62,618.76
Consents	\$23,730.05
Operating costs	\$452,413.16

The total spend as at 30 September 2022 is \$2,492,836.56 (this is the total costs including those not supplied in the breakdown above).

A breakdown of the 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 unreasonably to 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 September 2022 and 30 September 2022
Security/Main Contractor/Project Management	\$8,713.42

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

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