

13 December 2022

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Tēnā koe

I refer to your request received on 28 November 2022, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for information relating to the Erebus memorial event at Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Marae.

- 1. Can you please advise how many people attended the Erebus memorial event at Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Marae this morning (28 November 2022) both in person and those who attended online.**

We do not hold information regarding how many people attended the event in person. However, we can advise the following:

80 people from the Erebus families and Operation Overdue groups indicated they would attend the event in person. 59 participants joined the livestream via Zoom.

- 2. Can you please advise how many staff from MCH attended each event and how many invited guests (Erebus whanau) attended in person or online. Please exclude Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei attendee's from the invited guests.**

13 staff members from the Ministry attended the event in person to support Erebus whānau at the ceremony. Three staff members joined the livestream via Zoom.

We do not hold information regarding how many invited guests attended the event in person. However, as per question one, 80 people from the Erebus families and Operation Overdue groups indicated they would attend the event in person, and 59 participants joined the livestream via Zoom.

- 3. Can you please advise what steps were taken to protect the identity of those attending on line and can you please provide a copy of the recorded event.**

Care was taken to ensure people could watch the livestream via Zoom safely. The following steps were taken to ensure participants were unable to interact with each other:

- participants' cameras were disabled;
- participants' microphones were muted;
- participant profile pictures were disabled; and
- the online chat function was deactivated.

In addition, when the Zoom meeting invitation was distributed, invitees were informed the intention was to livestream and/or record the event for those unable to attend in person.

Zoom users can change their profile information visible to other users through the app. Information on how to do this is available online: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

A video of the pōwhiri was emailed to you on Tuesday 6 December. This video is made available to Erebus whānau courtesy of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust. With their blessing, you are welcome to share the video and photograph with your wider family, but please note it is for personal use only and not to be shared online.

The video is only available to people who have been provided with the link and is not publicly visible on the Ministry's [Vimeo channel](#).

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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