



Reference: 20240182

16 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 15 March 2024. You requested:

all advice to ministers related to the Scott Base Redevelopment Project generated since Oct 01, 2023.

My request includes, but is not limited to, the Treasury Report: T2023/2153: Scott Base Redevelopment Project: December 2023 update, and also all Scott Base reports (likely monthly) produced in the period.

Information publicly available

The following information is covered by your request and is publicly available on the Treasury website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	5 October 2023	Aide Memoire T2023-1843: Scott Base Redevelopment September Monthly Reporting	https://www.treasury.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-01/oia-20230503.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the document listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act:

- the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from the document listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the document.

Information to be withheld

There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
2.	18 December 2023	Treasury Report T2023-2153 Scott Base Redevelopment Project December 2023 update	Withhold in full section 9(2)(f)(iv)
3.	11 March 2024	Scott Base Redevelopment –	Withhold in full section

		Feedback for Ministerial Consultation	9(2)(f)(iv)
4.	14 March 2024	Cabinet Paper Briefing – Antarctica – Scott Base Redevelopment project status update	Withhold in full section 9(2)(f)(iv)

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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