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Official information request re the Scott Base Redevelopment project

I refer to your official information request dated 12 October 2023 for information relating to the Scott Base Redevelopment project (the project). Specifically, you have asked for:

1. Any reviews carried out by Te Waihanga on the project in 2023.
2. Te Waihanga's submissions to the last six steering group meetings, particularly any focused on risk management and cost escalation.
3. Any ministerial briefings Te Waihanga has had input into in relation to the project this year.

We have not conducted any reviews of the project and so do not hold any information relevant to part 1 of your request.

We have transferred part 2 of your request to Antarctica New Zealand. Submissions to the steering group meetings are reflected in minutes from the meetings, which are issued by Antarctica New Zealand. We therefore consider this part of your request to be more closely connected with the functions of Antarctica New Zealand. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

We have transferred part 3 of your request to the Treasury. The only ministerial briefings Te Waihanga has had input into in relation to the project are as inputs to Quarterly Investment Reporting on major capital investments, which are prepared by the Treasury. We therefore consider this part of your request to be more closely connected with the functions of the Treasury. Again, in these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

You will hear further from Antarctica New Zealand and the Treasury concerning relevant parts of your request.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and the enclosed documents may be published on Te Waihanga's 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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