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**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 (OIA) – REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION -
CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED (CIAL)**

1. We write further to our email of 08 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request of 05 August 2023 seeking information (if held by CIAL) in relation to work streams for the Central Otago Airport.

We have answered your request in this letter and for completeness, we set out your request below.

2. **Request: Received 05 August 2023 – Work streams for Central Otago Airport**

As per your website the following work streams were to be completed by Dec 2022:

- *initial avifauna assessment*
- *initial environmental values assessment*
- *windshear analysis*
- *initial land transport assessment*
- *initial aircraft noise assessment*
- *initial aircraft emissions assessment*
- *aeronautical safeguarding analysis*
- *preferred runway alignment analysis*

For each of the above, please provide (1) original brief(s) to expert(s) completing the task, (2) budget allocation for each assessment/analysis, (3) the resulting report - whether in draft or final format - and the date it was shared with CIAL.

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3. For ease of reference please note that CIAL has recently released general summary information on demand modelling the proposed Central Otago Airport Project ('the Project') which can be found on the Project website at:
https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/mediumres_PAAV2_digital_15Aug2023.pdf.

We believe this document will assist you with the following work streams outlined above. In addition, we refer you to the following publicly available information papers which are available on the Project website:

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/COA-The-effects-of-aviation-on-birdlife-in-their-natural-habitat.pdf>

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/COA-Avifauna-Birdstrike.pdf>

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/Land-Transport-Infrastructure-Sheet-Part-1.pdf>

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/18-COA-Land-Transport-Infrastructure-Sheet-Parttwo.pdf>

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/8-COA-Land-Transport-Infrastructure-Sheet-Part-three.pdf>

<https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/5-preferred-runway-alignment-Aug2023.pdf>

https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/uploads/images/12995r01j_Runway-Alignment-Assessment-Summary-Report_25082023.pdf

Taking in turn the individual components of your request, we are not able to provide you with original briefs to experts, budget allocations for each assessment/analysis nor *'the resulting report - whether in draft or final format and the date it was shared with CIAL'*.

The Project is still very much in the validation and planning phase which, in and of itself, is a complex commercial activity. The disclosure of CIAL's plan/strategy/approach for all its consultants (including experts) working on any aspect of the Project is information that may impact on CIAL's ability to both carry on negotiations and its commercial activities in relation to the Project without prejudice or disadvantage. Accordingly, this information is withheld under section (9)(2)(i) and 9(2)(j) of the OIA.

4. We trust we have answered your requests for information. If you require any further information or if we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.
5. Please note you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions contained in this letter. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman or make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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