

Reference: 20230415

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Dear Nikki

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 19 August 2023. You requested:

*...all correspondence, briefings, notes and dates of the meetings with Christchurch Airport regarding the proposed Central Otago Airport.*

### Information publicly available

The Treasury has been involved in discussion with Christchurch Airport about the proposed Central Otago Airport since 1 January 2017. Information within scope of your request from 1 January 2017 to 26 July 2023 is or will soon be publicly available on the Treasury website:

Item	Date	Website Address
1.	1 January 2017 – 25 September 2021	<a href="#">Official Information Act Response 20210442 - Information on the Tarras investment project/Tarras Airport development proposal - Received 25 Sep 2021 - Published Apr 2022 - The Treasury</a>
2.	26 September 2021 – 9 December 2022	<a href="#">Official Information Act Response 20220535 - Information on Tarras airport development - Received 9 Dec 2022 - Published Apr 2023 - The Treasury</a>
3.	10 December 2022 – 26 July 2023	Will soon be available at: <a href="https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/other-official-information/responses-official-information-act-requests">https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/other-official-information/responses-official-information-act-requests</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the above information 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 documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

### **Information being released**

One section in *Christchurch International Airport Ltd: Financial & Operational Update Q4 FY23 to 30 June 2023* is covered by your request for information from 27 July 2023. I have decided to release this relevant section, which is set out below, in full.

#### *CENTRAL OTAGO*

*Project Oscar remains a long-term project under the “Expand our Horizons” dimension of H30. The prima facie case established and verified by PwC in 2019 has been strengthened by the work undertaken subsequently which establishes a series of “irrefutable facts”.*

- *CIAL continues to engage with a specific stakeholder & community engagement workstream. Activity for the quarter includes:
  - *Several information papers have been completed and posted on the Central Otago Airport website to help inform people about different aspects of the project*
  - *CIAL & CCHL will provide an update to Council in early August in a public-excluded meeting**
- *CIAL is currently finalisation the planning and documentation for a public release of further information and community days in Central Otago – expected to happen by the end of August*

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) 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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