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Tēnā koe Ms Bosley

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

1. We write further to our email of 21 August 2023, acknowledging receipt of your OIA request (the **Request**) of 20 August 2023 to CIAL seeking the following information:

Request - Received 20 August 2023 – Central Otago Airport – Interconnected Workstreams

"Re: <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/process>

Please could I have a copy of the detailed project plan showing the workstream elements, dates and budgets applied to each?"

From the outset, please note that CIAL has recently released general summary information on 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_1_5Aug2023.pdf

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

2. Taking in turn your Request, we are not able to provide you with detailed project plans and budgets for the reasons mentioned in paragraph (3) below. In relation to dates, we have provided a high-level overview of when we expect to undertake each phase throughout the process: <https://www.centralotagoairport.co.nz/process>
3. Please note that the Project is still very much in the validation and planning phase which, in and of itself, is a complex commercial activity. Therefore, the disclosure of CIAL's plan/strategy/approach and budget for all its workstreams regarding 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 Request for information. If you require any further information or we have in some way misinterpreted your requests, please let us know.

5. 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.

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