



13 April 2026

Tēnā koe

Re: Official Information Act (OIA) Request – December 2023 Signs of a Nation incident

Thank you for your OIA request of 23 March 2026 regarding the December 2023 protest action in the *Signs of a Nation* exhibition. You requested the following:

1. *information relating to:*
 - a) *the cost of repairs,*
 - b) *the extent of the damage, and*
 - c) *any discussions with police or prosecutors about the impact of the incident.*
2. *information that can be released regarding the damage itself or the consequences for the museum.*

I will respond to your request in turn.

1.a) information relating to the cost of repairs

The damaged panel was removed, rather than repaired or restored. Remedial work was undertaken to make the exhibition space safe, including minor wall repairs.

Te Papa holds some correspondence regarding costs that was prepared for criminal justice processes, including court proceedings. This information is withheld under s 6(c) of the OIA.

Even so, Te Papa's assessment in September 2025 was that the cost of this deinstallation, and site remediation was approximately \$15,600.

1.b) information relating to the extent of the damage

This information has been released and is publicly available on Te Papa's website in [previous responses to Official Information Act requests](#). This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA.

1.c) any discussions with police or prosecutors about the impact of the incident

As mentioned above, Te Papa holds information relating to communications with Police. This information is also withheld under section 6(c) of the OIA.

2. information that can be released regarding the damage itself or the consequences for the museum

Information relating to the damage itself and the consequences for the museum has already been released and is publicly available on [Te Papa's website](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact OIA@tepapa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Corley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Corley

Chief Financial Officer