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Dear Mr Esler

Thank you for your request, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) dated 10 January 2021 for:

*...a breakdown of the costs and a total figure spent during the construction of properties located at 1 & 3 Broadway Avenue Timaru*

Please see the attached table which provides a summary of the project spend for 227 Wai-iti Road Timaru, which I understand is the property you are interested in, located on the corner of Broadway Avenue and Wai-iti Road, Timaru.

I attach a summary of total spend by category below. I have considered a further breakdown of the costs, however, I have been advised that providing a more detailed breakdown will disclose the amount of money paid to individual contractors.

It should be noted that this redevelopment went through a robust procurement process with a number of competing submissions received and evaluated against our criteria. However, publishing the last winning bid by individual contractors for a project may unfairly advantage their competitors by disclosing their position in the market.

I am therefore declining to provide a more detailed breakdown of the costs of construction of the properties located at 227 Wai-iti Road, Timaru, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA as it would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of our contractors.

I do not consider that the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Kelly  
**Manager Government Relations**

### Summary of total spend for 227 Wai-iti Road Timaru

Summary of total spend, GST inclusive, for 227 Wai-iti Road, Timaru by the following categories: professional fees (including architectural, engineering and surveying) council costs (compliance and consents) and construction (including earthworks).

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Spent</b>
Professional Fees	76,447
Council Costs	10,524
Construction	736,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>823,369</b>