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Tēnā koe Dr Goodwin,

OIA request 2021 – 0143: Request for information on complaints relating to the Braemar Charitable Trust and Braemar Hospital Ltd

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Charities Services) on 14 April 2021.

You confirmed the information sought was:

- 1) *“any complaint-related correspondence between the DIA and Braemar Hospital (“100 owned by the Braemar Charitable trust”) and its agents and representatives.*
- 2) *Complaints to the DIA regarding the charitable status of the Braemar Charitable trust should also be included.*
- 3) *In case that is not sufficiently particular, the DIA could specifically confine itself to complaints made, in the year 2020, by the complainant, to the DIA, about any/all of the 3 Braemar entities listed with the DIA.”*

To clarify, the Braemar Charitable Trust Group (CC22670) is a single entity group, and it is comprised of two organisations being the Braemar Charitable Trust (CC22668) and Braemar Hospital Ltd (CC22667). The Braemar Charitable Trust Group does have a registration number, but it is not a separate legal entity, and has no separate correspondence or activities.

Further information about what is a Group under the Charities Act 2005 is available here:

<http://charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/group-registration/>

The only complaint made in 2020 relating to the Braemar Group was made by you, a list of all the correspondence relating to this complaint follows:

- 12 June 2020: Initial complaint received from Dr Anna Goodwin (‘complainant’) by Charities Services relating to the Braemar Charitable Trust (CC22668) and Braemar Hospital Ltd.
- 13 July 2020: email acknowledging receipt of complaint sent by Charities Services.
- 5 November 2020: complainant sought an update on progress on the complaint.
- 26 November 2020: Charities Services provided advice that the complaint would be considered by a Triage Committee.
- 15 January 2021: complainant sought a further update on consideration of complaint.

- 18 January 2021: complainant was advised that no investigation of the charity will be initiated.
- 18 January 2021: complainant emailed asking if there had any direct or indirect discussions with a named law firm on behalf of the company, and if anyone from that firm was a part of the investigations team or Charities Services Triage Committee.
- 18 January 2021: Charities Services responded to the complainant advising that the law firm had not been involved in Charities Services consideration of any complaint.

You will hold this correspondence. Please let us know if you require further copies.

No correspondence about the complaint was sent by Charities Services to either of the charities in the Braemar Group or its agents and representatives. In the 2020 annual year there were no other complaints made to the Department regarding the charitable status of the entities in the Braemar Group.

As noted, you already have copies of all the correspondence listed, and there is no other information held that is covered by your request. As such under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 we are refusing part 1 and 2 of your request in that the information requested does not exist.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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