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Tēnā koe Harris

### **Request for information: Communications between Pharmac and Draper Cormack**

Thank you for your request dated 28 March 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for information relating to communications between Pharmac and Draper Cormack. You requested:

*Under the OIA I seek copies of all correspondence between Pharmac and Draper Cormack regarding*

- 1) the OIA request: Procurement process used, engagement with Draper Cormack your reference 2022-23-125; A1665003*
- 2) media coverage in March 2023 for the relationship between Pharmac and Draper Cormack*

*By correspondence please include, without limiting other forms of correspondence:*

- \* emails*
- \* sms messages*
- \* whatsapp messages*
- \* signal messages*
- \* telegram messages*
- \* twitter direct messages*
- \* Facebook messenger messages*

### **Correspondence released in response to your request**

Pharmac staff communicate with Draper Cormack staff by email, phone call, and/or face-to-face meetings only. A combined copy of communications related to your request for information is attached with this response.

Please note, we have redacted a small amount of information from the documents released where the information is not related to your request (i.e., out of scope) or where we consider this is necessary to:

- protect the privacy of natural persons (section 9(2)(a));
- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty (section 9(2)(g)(i)); or,

- protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (section 9(2)(b)(ii)).

As required under the OIA, we also considered whether, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information was outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available. In this case we did not consider that the public interest outweighed the reasons for withholding the information.

### **Payments made by Pharmac to Draper Cormack**

I note that on 28 March 2023 we declined to provide information for part two of your previous request (referenced above as 2022-23-129; A1668242) as, at the time, we considered releasing the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the firm (section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA). Part two of your previous request was for:

*2) Total Payments made by Pharmac to Draper Cormack between 1 March 2021 and 31 January 2023*

Since communicating our decision for your previous request, we have provided input for Written Parliamentary Questions (WPQs) about Pharmac's relationship with Draper Cormack. In doing so, we reviewed our previous OIA decisions and determined that releasing annual spend amounts would not prejudice Draper Cormack's commercial position.

Please see the [published response for WPQ 7893 \(2023\)](#) for information related to your request. Additional WPQs about Pharmac's relationship with Draper Cormack can also be found on [Parliament's website](#).

### **Closing**

We trust that this information answers your queries. To make information more freely available, we publish selected OIA responses (excluding personal details) on our website.

Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about this.

Nāku noa, nā



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