



27 October 2022

Maketu

By email: fyi-request-20711-05d4ca28@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Maketu

Official information request for digital copies of the Auckland Crown Solicitors' warrants

Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 30 September 2022 for "digital copies of the Crown Solicitor's Warrants issued since 1922 to the law firm Meredith Connell for the Auckland region."
2. A copy of the warrant for Brian Dicky, appointed in 2015, is **enclosed**.
3. No warrant of appointment was issued to Christine Gordon, Interim Crown Solicitor, in 2014 and at the time of the appointment of the previous Crown Solicitor for Auckland in 1994, Crown Law did not maintain electronic or other copies of the warrants of appointment.
4. We therefore refuse your request in part, on the basis that the information requested is not held by Crown Law.
5. To the extent it may be helpful, we set out below a list of the various warrant holders for the Auckland region from 1921 to date, along with the various New Zealand Gazette publication references.

Region	Date of Appointment	Gazette Reference
Vincent Robert Sissons Meredith	18 January 1921	6 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 147
Vincent Noel Hubble	24 July 1935	54 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 2037
Guy Sissons Robert Meredith	19 December 1951	1 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 1
Graham Davies Speight	14 June 1960	37 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 789

Region	Date of Appointment	Gazette Reference
David Stuart Morris	25 January 1967	4 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 101
Simon J Eisdell Moore	22 June 1994	65 <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> 2121
Christine Gordon (Interim Crown Solicitor)	14 March—31 October 2014	N/A
Brian Dickey	11 May 2015	New Zealand Gazette, No. 47 — 7 May 2015 (notice number 2015-go2639)

6. Gazettes for New Zealand prior to 1993 can be found at http://www.nzlii.org/nz/other/nz_gazette/ and from 1993 onwards are available at <https://gazette.govt.nz/find-a-notice/>.

Proactive release

7. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
8. 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.
9. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at PPU@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

Crown Law



Philip Coffey
Manager
Public Prosecutions Unit

Encl Warrant of appointment – Brian Dickey, Auckland Crown Solicitor



Jung Kuiparae.
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

To

Brian Harold Dickey

Solicitor of Auckland

His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity and ability hereby appoints you, the said

Brian Harold Dickey

Crown Solicitor at Auckland: to hold the said office during His Excellency's pleasure; and requires you to enter upon and duly discharge the duties of the said office in person, except only in case of sickness or other incapacity and leave of absence first duly granted, the warrant to take effect on the eleventh day of May two thousand and fifteen.

Given under the hand of His Excellency
The Governor-General of New Zealand, and
issued under the Seal of New Zealand
this 29th day of April two thousand
and fifteen.

Christopher Tuimata

Attorney-General