

20 August 2018

Jason Brown

By email: fyi-request-8460-6fc119a7@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Brown

**Official Information request - Advice by Satyanand Anand to Crown Law
Our Ref: OIA353/1**

1. Thank you for your OIA request dated 8 August 2018.
2. We think you may have read the reference to the Crown Solicitor's office in Auckland in Sir Anand Satyanand's on-line biography as a reference to the Crown Law Office.
3. However, the two offices are different: Crown Law Office is a government department and Crown Solicitors are private lawyers appointed on the recommendation of the Attorney-General by warrant of the Governor-General. Crown Solicitors are appointed for a particular district, usually in a High Court centre, and are responsible for the conduct of Crown prosecutions. Meredith Connell Auckland was and remains the Auckland Crown Solicitor's office. Sir Anand did not have a role at Crown Law.
4. A search of our electronic databases indicates Crown Law has no information on the issues Sir Anand advised on while he worked at Meredith Connell, but we expect that he would have worked on the usual range of work then undertaken by that firm, and that any advice he gave would be legally privileged.
5. It follows that the questions you ask about potential concerns over Sir Anand's previous role with Crown Law or other state agencies, do not arise, and there is no information held by this office relevant to this request.
6. You may if you wish complain to an Ombudsman about this response to your request.

Yours sincerely
Crown Law



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Team Manager