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Tēnā koe Mr Bagnall

**Official information request for Crown Solicitor reviews**

**Our Ref: OIA353/1**

1. I refer to your official information request dated 7 May 2023 for “all reviews of the Crown Solicitor Warrants conducted by Crown Law for all regions in New Zealand between 2003 to present”.
2. This information is held by the Crown Law Office in the Solicitor-General's practical exercise of her Law Officer functions. The Solicitor-General as a Law Officer is not subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**). The Ombudsman has confirmed on a number of occasions information held by the Attorney-General in his Law Officer function is not official information and cannot be accessed under the Act (Case No.W41067). The same applies to the Solicitor-General when acting in her role as Junior Law Officer (s 9 Constitution Act 1986; Case No.W44280; *Berryman v Solicitor-General* [2005] NZAR 512).
3. Accordingly, your request for information is formally refused on the basis the Act does not apply to the information sought.
4. 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.
5. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Nāku noa, nā

**Crown Law**

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