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Media statement on behalf of Solicitor-General

REPORT INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT CONCERNING CROWN SOLICITOR

On 13 November 2023 the Solicitor-General, Una Jagose KC, received Ms Dew KC's independent investigation report into the facts concerning a confidential complaint made about a Crown Solicitor. The fact-finding report was commissioned as part of the Solicitor-General's "Law Officer" function relating to her oversight of public prosecutions. The Solicitor-General has special responsibility for the Crown prosecution system.

All parts of the investigation were conducted expressly on the basis of strict confidentiality.

Madeleine Laracy, the Deputy Solicitor-General (Criminal), says:

"We thank Maria Dew KC for her report. The Solicitor-General and I will now take the time that is required to assess the confidential report, and complete the process of review of the Crown Solicitor's performance in this regard. The review process involves solely the Crown Solicitor and our office. In the meantime, we will not be making any further statements, speculating as to likely timeframes, or releasing any information about the report or its content."