



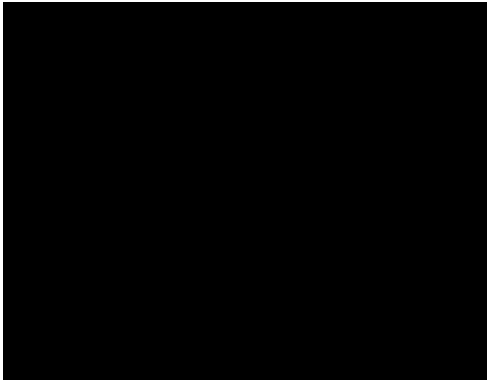
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**Official information request for information regarding the meaning of the Crown**  
**Our Ref: OIA353/1**

1. I refer to your request dated 14 June 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 for information relating to the Crown and Treaty settlements.
2. To the extent your questions are in the nature of a request for legal advice, we are unable to answer them. Crown Law's role is to provide legal advice and representation to the New Zealand Government, and it cannot provide legal advice to anyone else, including private individuals. With that constraint in mind, we have responded to your request for information as far as we can.
3. In relation to your first inquiry, it is the same Crown that has entered into and signed all Treaty settlements in New Zealand with Māori, whether or not the Crown is styled (or referred to) as "Her Majesty the Queen in Right of New Zealand" or simply "the Crown". We add that we have no knowledge of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of New Zealand being a registered company under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
4. In relation to your second inquiry regarding the meaning of the Crown in the New Zealand context, we refer you to the following textbooks:
  - 4.1 Phillip Joseph, *Constitutional and Administrative Law in New Zealand* (5<sup>th</sup> ed, Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2021).
  - 4.2 Alison Quentin-Baxter and Janet McLean, *This Realm of New Zealand* (Auckland University Press, Auckland, 2017).
5. In relation to your third inquiry, the Crown is not a registered company within New Zealand or any other country.

6. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response to your official information request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



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