



29 March 2023

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By email [Redacted]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 dated 16 March 2023 in which you requested:

The names of all Members of Parliament who Crown Law or the Solicitor General has considered complaints against in the last five years.

Brief details of those cases and the outcomes.

I interpret your request to mean “complaints” for contempt of court, which is the only area of law in which the Solicitor-General has responsibility for first instance prosecutions.

When the Solicitor-General receives and considers a contempt complaint, she is acting as an independent Law Officer of the Crown. In that capacity she is not subject to the Official Information Act.

Nevertheless, it is in the public interest to release the information you have requested.

Crown Law has considered only one complaint for contempt of court against a Member of Parliament in the last five years, in respect of the Hon Stuart Nash’s comments to Mike Hosking on 24 June 2020. In that case, the Solicitor-General recommended that the Attorney-General speak to Mr Nash regarding his comments.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Redacted]

Yours faithfully
Crown Law

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