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Crown Law welcomes and responds to the Performance Improvement Review

The Public Service Commission today released its Performance Improvement Review of the Crown Law Office, commissioned by Solicitor-General Anna Adams KC.

Ms Adams has also published *Crown Law 2030: legal excellence in the service of government, the public, and the rule of law* in response, setting out goals and areas of focus for Crown Law.

“I welcome the Public Service Commission’s review of our office. It confirms that Crown Law has significant strengths, a reputation for legal quality, trusted relationships across government and an important constitutional role in New Zealand's legal system. The review is also constructively critical and has identified areas where the organisation can improve to better meet the fast-changing needs of the Government and of New Zealand,” said Ms Adams.

“My aspirations are clear. In 2030 Crown Law will be the Government's trusted legal adviser, its most effective advocate, and a national pillar of support to the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. It will be renowned for its quality and integrity, its authoritative and practical advice, its formidable courtroom advocacy, and its prominent legal system leadership. Crown Law’s Wellington and Auckland offices will be a modern talent magnet for lawyers and offer a national legal practice.”

“I particularly welcome the review’s emphasis on client-centred performance. Crown Law exists to serve government and the public. Excellence must therefore be measured by the technical skill of our work and by how our work assists the Attorney-General, Ministers and departments to lawfully achieve their objectives, manage legal risk and make informed decisions.”

“*Crown Law 2030: legal excellence in the service of government, the public, and the rule of law* is my response to the review. This plan outlines our goals to 2030 and our priorities for the next year. It emphasises peak performance for our public legal clients; excellence and fairness in our core functions of advice and litigation, including our independent prosecution functions; and looking outwards to the legal system we serve.”

“I will work with my team at Crown Law, our clients in government and stakeholders in the Crown Solicitor network, the justice system and the legal profession to implement this plan.”

“I would like to thank our expert reviewers, Debbie Francis and Michael Hodge; the Public Service Commission; Crown Law staff; the Attorney-General and our clients in government; the judiciary; Crown Solicitors; and other stakeholders who contributed to the review.

“Their insights have produced a candid assessment that will serve as a springboard into Crown Law’s future.”

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The full Performance Improvement Review report is available on the Public Service Commission website at [Performance Improvement Review Programme: Published reports](#).

Crown Law 2030: legal excellence in the service of government, the public, and the rule of law is available on the Crown Law website at [Crown Law 2030](#) along with the report.

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