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## **Official information Act request** Our Ref: OIA353/1

MALaw I refer to your official information request dated 7 May, which was transferred to 1. Crown Law for response from the Office of the Hon Kiri Allan MP on 16 May 2023. You have asked for:

> ... a printed copy of the Oath that was signed by the incumbent Solicitor-General, upon her appointment to the office of Solicitor-General

- The Solicitor-General is not a person required to swear an oath upon 2. appointment.<sup>1</sup> The incumbent Solicitor-General was appointed by the Governor-General, on the advice of the Attorney-General, by prerogative power.
- 3. For more information on Ms Jagose KC's appointment, I refer you to the press announcing release her appointment, available online at: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/appointment-solicitor-general-1.
- 4. For general information about the office of the Solicitor-General in New Zealand, see John McGrath QC "Principles for Sharing Law Officer Power: the Role of the New Zealand Solicitor General" 198 NZULR 18 at 201 and 202, available online at: https://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/NZULR.PDF.
  - Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
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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

<sup>1</sup> Oaths and Declarations Act 1957, schedule 2.

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