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**Provision of Fifth Tranche of Crown documents in Te Rau o te Tika (Wai 3060) –
September 2025**

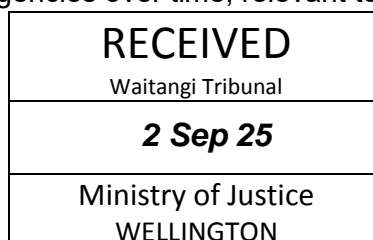
1. In December 2023, the Crown provided documents to claimants, counsel and researchers in Te Rau o te Tika – the Justice System Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 3060) using a cloud-based SharePoint site hosted by the Ministry of Justice. The Crown’s letter setting out what documents were provided at that stage is on the Record of Inquiry (Wai 3060, #3.2.264).
2. The documents provided in December 2023 consisted of a first tranche of key government documents provided by New Zealand Police.
3. A second tranche of documents was made available on the SharePoint site in March 2024 which comprised key government documents provided by the Crown Law Office. The Crown’s letter setting out what documents were provided in that tranche can also be found on the Record of Inquiry (Wai 3060, #3.2.268).
4. A third tranche of documents was made available on the SharePoint site in August 2024 which comprised key government documents provided by the Department of Corrections | Ara Poutama Aotearoa. The Crown’s letter setting out what documents were provided in that tranche can also be found on the Record of Inquiry (Wai 3060, #3.2.283).
5. A fourth tranche of documents was made available on the SharePoint site in March 2025 which comprised key documents provided by Oranga Tamariki. The Crown’s letter setting out what documents were provided in that tranche can also be found on the Record of Inquiry (WAI 3060, #3.2.322).
6. The Crown wishes to advise that a fifth tranche of documents, provided by the Ministry of Justice and The Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention, is now available on the SharePoint site.
7. This letter:
 - a. outlines the documents that are now available on the site; and
 - b. provides information and guidance about accessing and navigating the site.

Documents to be made available on the site in September 2025

Government Documents

Scope of initial disclosure of government documents

8. As advised in December 2023 (Wai 3060, #3.2.264), since early 2023, Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki has been gathering key documents that explain the development of criminal justice policy and practice by government agencies over time, relevant to the Crown’s current



understanding of the issues in this Inquiry. This has focused on Cabinet papers and related Cabinet minutes, briefings to Ministers, as well as strategy, policy and practice documents implementing these key decisions.

9. The date range of the documents is from 1963 to 2022. However, there may be some documents that fall outside this date range. We anticipate relevant documents produced after 2023 can be provided in future disclosure.
10. We have focused on gathering documents from New Zealand Police, Department of Corrections | Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Ministry of Justice, Oranga Tamariki and Crown Law Office. Relevant documents from other agencies, including Te Puni Kōkiri, The Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention and the Ministry of Social Development are currently being gathered and will be provided in due course.

How the documents will be provided

11. The documents are being provided on an agency-by-agency basis, as documents from each agency become available for release. To enable users to navigate the documents and identify relevant information, each tranche of documents will be accompanied by an index and the documents can be searched on the site, as set out in the guide for using the site described at para 22 below (**Appendix 1**).
12. It is anticipated that the index and the ability to search key words across all documents will also help users identify areas where they may want to seek further information in future disclosure.
13. The documents are being made available to claimants, claimant counsel and researchers in Wai 3060 for use for the purposes of the Inquiry only. Some redactions for legal privilege and confidentiality have been made, as indicated in the index. In addition, names of more junior officials and contact details have been redacted on the basis of irrelevance. Given the nature of the key documents there should not be extensive personal information in these documents, but if any personal information has been identified it has been redacted.

Tranche one – Documents provided by New Zealand Police

14. The first tranche of documents, provided in December 2023, are the documents provided by New Zealand Police that come within the scope of initial disclosure, set out above (para 8 – 9).

Tranche two – Documents provided by the Crown Law Office

15. The second tranche of documents, provided in March 2024, are the documents provided by the Crown Law Office that come within the scope of initial disclosure, set out above (para 8 – 9).

Tranche three – Documents provided by Department of Corrections | Ara Poutama Aotearoa

16. The third tranche of documents, provided in August 2024, are the documents provided by Department of Corrections | Ara Poutama Aotearoa that come within the scope of initial disclosure, set out above (para 8 – 9).

Tranche four – Documents provided by Oranga Tamariki

17. The fourth tranche of documents, provided in March 2025, are the documents provided by Oranga Tamariki that come within the scope of initial disclosure, set out above (para 8 – 9).

Tranche Five – Documents provided by the Ministry of Justice | Tāhū o te Ture

18. The fifth tranche of documents that are now available on the site are the documents provided by the Ministry of Justice and the Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention that come within scope of initial disclosure, set out above (para 8 – 9).

Future tranches of government documents

19. We anticipate that an additional set of documents, to be provided by the Ministry of Justice, will become available in the coming months.
20. Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki will advise via the Waitangi Tribunal's Wai 3060 email distribution list when subsequent tranches of documents are available on the site.

Accessing the Crown Documents site

21. This section reiterates the information provided in December 2023 (Wai 3060, 3.2.264). The site can be accessed via an internet browser. No specific software is required. However, documents can be provided on USB for anyone who does not have internet access.
22. On 2 October 2023, Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki emailed the Waitangi Tribunal's Wai 3060 distribution list to invite those on the list to provide the email addresses of all those claimants, counsel or researchers who required access to the site. Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki has provided access to the site to those addresses and others who have subsequently requested access. Claimants, counsel or researchers who have not yet requested access can do so at anytime by emailing crown.wai3060@justice.govt.nz.
23. Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki has prepared a guide to accessing the site (**Appendix 2**), which will be emailed to anyone who has requested access to the site.

Using the Crown Documents SharePoint site

24. Te Kāhui Rau Rikiriki has also prepared a guide for using the site (**Appendix 1**), which provides an overview of how to use the site to navigate, search and download the documents on the site. The guide will also be able to be accessed on the site.
25. If anyone needs help using the site they can contact us at crown.wai3060@justice.govt.nz. This contact information is available on the site.

Nāku noa, nā



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