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1 Title

This Act is the Families Commission Act 2003.

Part 1
Families Commission

Preliminary matters

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 1 July 2004.

3 Purpose of this Act

The purpose of this Act is to—

- (a) establish the Commission as a Crown entity for the purposes of section 7 of the Crown Entities Act 2004;
- (b) state the Commission's functions and powers;
- (c) require the Commission—
 - (i) to have regard to certain matters; and
 - (ii) to comply with certain other obligations.

Section 3(a): substituted, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

4 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Commission means the Families Commission established by section 6

member means a member of the Commission

Minister means the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of any warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act.

Section 4 **board**: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Section 4 **Commissioner**: repealed, on 25 March 2014, by section 4 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 4 **de facto partner** and **de facto relationship**: repealed, on 26 April 2005, by section 7 of the Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005 (2005 No 3).

Section 4 **fees framework**: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

5 Act binds the Crown

This Act binds the Crown.

Establishment of Commission

6 Commission established

- (1) This section establishes the Families Commission.
- (2) The Commission is a Crown entity for the purposes of section 7 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.
- (3) The Crown Entities Act 2004 applies to the Commission except to the extent that this Act expressly provides otherwise.

Section 6(2): inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 5 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 6(3): inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 5 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Commission's functions

7 Commission's main functions

The Commission's main functions are—

- (a) to act as an advocate for the interests of families generally (the **advocacy function**); and
- (b) to monitor and evaluate programmes and interventions in the social sector, and provide social science research into key issues, programmes, and interventions across that sector (the **monitoring, evaluation, and research function**).

Section 7: replaced, on 25 March 2014, by section 6 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

8 Commission's advocacy function

- (1) In order to perform its advocacy function, the Commission has the following additional functions:

- (a) to encourage and facilitate informed debate, by any of the following persons, on matters relating to the interests of families:
 - (i) representatives of government, academic, and community sectors; and
 - (ii) members of the public:
- (b) to increase public awareness and promote better understanding of matters relating to the interests of families, for example, the following matters:
 - (i) the importance of stable family relationships (including those between parties to a marriage, civil union, or a de facto relationship); and
 - (ii) the importance of the parenting role; and
 - (iii) the rights and responsibilities of parents:
- (ba) to prepare and publish an annual Families Status Report that measures and monitors the well-being of New Zealand families:
- (c) to encourage and facilitate the development and provision, by Ministers of the Crown, departments of State, and other instruments of the Executive Government, of policies designed to promote or serve the interests of families:
- (d) to consider, and to report and make recommendations on, any matter (for example, a proposed government policy) relating to families that is referred to it by any Minister of the Crown:
- (e) to stimulate and promote research into any matter relating to the interests of families, for example,—
 - (i) by collecting and disseminating information or research about families:
 - (ii) by advising on areas where further research or information about families should be undertaken or collected:
 - (iii) by entering into contracts or arrangements for research or information about families to be undertaken or collected:
- (f) to consult with, or to refer a matter to, any 1 or more other official bodies or statutory officers, if the Commission considers it necessary or desirable to do so for

the proper performance of any or all of its other functions.

(g) *[Repealed]*

- (2) The advocacy function does not include acting as an advocate for the interests of a particular family or particular families in connection with a particular case or issue.
- (3) In performing its advocacy function, the Commission must identify and have regard to factors that help to maintain or enhance either or both of the following:
 - (a) families' resilience:
 - (b) families' strengths.

Section 8 heading: amended, on 25 March 2014, by section 7(1) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 8(1): amended, on 25 March 2014, by section 7(2) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 8(1)(b)(i): amended, on 26 April 2005, by section 7 of the Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005 (2005 No 3).

Section 8(1)(ba): inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 7(3) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 8(1)(g): repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Section 8(2): inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 7(4) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 8(3): inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 7(4) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

8A Commission's monitoring, evaluation, and research function

- (1) In order to perform its monitoring, evaluation, and research function, the Commission has the following additional functions:
 - (a) to identify evidence and research that will assist in determining or achieving the Government's policies and priorities in the social sector:
 - (b) to commission social science research in the social sector on behalf of the Government and others:
 - (c) to manage contracts for social science research in the social sector on behalf of the Government and others:

- (d) to set standards and specify best practice for monitoring and evaluating programmes and interventions in the social sector:
 - (e) to establish and maintain a database of social science research undertaken by or on behalf of the Government.
- (2) When monitoring or evaluating programmes and interventions as part of its monitoring, evaluation, and research function, the Commission must act independently of the programmes and interventions being monitored or evaluated.

Section 8A: inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 8 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Other matters to which Commission must have regard

9 Government policy and priorities

[Repealed]

Section 9: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

10 Diversity of New Zealand families

- (1) In the exercise and performance of its powers and functions, the Commission must have regard to the kinds, structures, and diversity of families.
- (2) In this section, **family** includes a group of people related by marriage, civil union, blood, or adoption, an extended family, 2 or more persons living together as a family, and a whānau or other culturally recognised family group.
- (3) However, persons are not members of a family for the purposes of this section solely because they have as their common objective or one of their common objectives the achievement of some outcome of a community, domestic, professional, recreational, social, vocational, or other nature (for example, the commission of offences against any enactment, whether to obtain valuable consideration or not).
- (4) Subsection (3) is for the avoidance of doubt.

Section 10(2): amended, on 26 April 2005, by section 7 of the Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005 (2005 No 3).

11 Needs, values, and beliefs of particular groups

In the exercise and performance of its powers and functions, the Commission must have regard to the needs, values, and beliefs—

- (a) of Māori as tangata whenua:
- (b) of the Pacific Islands peoples of New Zealand:
- (c) of other ethnic and cultural groups in New Zealand.

12 Relevant international obligations

In the exercise and performance of its powers and functions, the Commission must have regard to New Zealand's international obligations relevant to the interests of families.

*Obligation to obtain views of specified groups***13 Mechanisms for obtaining views of specified groups**

- (1) In the exercise and performance of its advocacy function and associated powers, the Commission must maintain mechanisms (for example, by appointing advisory committees or forming consultation forums) to ensure that there are at all times readily accessible to it the views—
 - (a) of Māori as tangata whenua:
 - (b) of the Pacific Islands peoples of New Zealand:
 - (c) of other ethnic and cultural groups in New Zealand:
 - (d) of groups that represent families, or 1 or more kinds of family members, and of groups that have a particular interest in families or in any 1 or more matters related to the Commission's functions.
- (2) Examples of groups referred to in subsection (1)(d) are groups that represent the interests of any of the following:
 - (a) spouses, civil union partners, and de facto partners:
 - (b) parents, fathers, and mothers:
 - (c) children and young persons (as defined in section 2(1) of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989), and older persons who are under the age of 18 years:
 - (d) grandparents and the elderly:
 - (e) caregivers:
 - (f) men and women:

- (g) providers of social services:
- (h) academics and researchers interested in matters relating to families:
- (i) Family Court Judges and other family law specialists:
- (j) employers and workers.

Section 13(1): amended, on 25 March 2014, by section 9 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 13(2)(a): amended, on 26 April 2005, by section 7 of the Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005 (2005 No 3).

*Commission's power to refer communications
to others*

14 Referral to other official bodies or to statutory officers

- (1) The Commission may refer to another official body or to a statutory officer a communication the Commission has received from a person if, in the Commission's opinion,—
 - (a) the communication relates in whole or in part to a matter that is more properly within the scope of the functions of that body or officer; and
 - (b) it is in all the circumstances appropriate to do so.
- (2) The Commission must notify the person of the referral of the communication.
- (3) Subsection (1) overrides section 18 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Section 14(3): amended, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Members of Commission

Heading: replaced, on 25 March 2014, by section 10 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

15 Commission is body corporate

[Repealed]

Section 15: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

16 Capacity and powers*[Repealed]*

Section 16: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

17 Commission is Crown entity*[Repealed]*

Section 17: repealed, on 25 March 2014, by section 11 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

18 Membership of Commission

- (1) The Commission consists of no more than 7, and no less than 3, members.
- (2) *[Repealed]*
- (3) *[Repealed]*
- (4) *[Repealed]*
- (5) In addition to the appointment processes and criteria in sections 28 and 29 of the Crown Entities Act 2004, the Minister must—
 - (a) before appointing a member, notify a vacancy in a manner that enables suitably qualified individuals to apply for appointment; and
 - (b) in appointing a member, take into account the need for members to have among them a breadth of experience and expertise, and knowledge of, or experience in,—
 - (i) different aspects of matters likely to come before the Commission; and
 - (ii) the needs and aspirations (including life experiences) of different communities of interest and population groups in New Zealand society.

Section 18: substituted, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Section 18(2): repealed, on 25 March 2014, by section 12(1) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 18(3): repealed, on 25 March 2014, by section 12(1) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 18(4): repealed, on 25 March 2014, by section 12(1) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Section 18(5)(b): amended, on 25 March 2014, by section 12(2) of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

18A Families Commissioner

- (1) The Minister must appoint 1 member to be the Families Commissioner.
- (2) The functions of the Families Commissioner are as determined by the Commission.

Section 18A: inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 13 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

Social Science Experts Panel

Heading: inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 13 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

18B Social Science Experts Panel

- (1) A Social Science Experts Panel is established.
- (2) The Panel's function is to provide academic peer review of any research, evaluations, standards, reports, or other publications done or issued by or on behalf of the Commission, and otherwise to provide guidance to the Commission.

Section 18B: inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 13 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

18C Membership of Social Science Experts Panel

- (1) The Social Science Experts Panel comprises a minimum of 4 members.
- (2) Each member of the Panel must be appointed by the Commission on the joint recommendation of—
 - (a) the Minister; and
 - (b) the person (if any) appointed as principal adviser to the Prime Minister on science matters or, if there is no such person, the chief executive of the department responsible for science matters.
- (3) The Commission must appoint 1 member of the Panel to be its chairperson.
- (4) Every member of the Panel may be appointed for a period of up to 3 years and may be reappointed at the expiry of each term of appointment.
- (5) Clause 14(2) of Schedule 5 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 applies with respect to the appointment of a person to the Panel as if the person were to be appointed as a member of a com-

mittee appointed by the board of the Commission under clause 14(1) of that schedule.

- (6) Clause 15 of Schedule 5 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 applies to each member of the Panel as if he or she were a member of a committee appointed by the board of the Commission under clause 14(1) of that schedule.

Section 18C: inserted, on 25 March 2014, by section 13 of the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014 (2014 No 9).

19 Board's role

[Repealed]

Section 19: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

20 Further provisions relating to members and board

[Repealed]

Section 20: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

21 Accountability of members to Minister

[Repealed]

Section 21: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Minister's role

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

22 Minister's role

[Repealed]

Section 22: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

23 Minister accountable to House of Representatives

[Repealed]

Section 23: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Delegation by board

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

24 Ability to delegate

[Repealed]

Section 24: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

25 Effect of delegation

[Repealed]

Section 25: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

26 Delegate presumed to act in accordance with delegation

[Repealed]

Section 26: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

27 Other matters relating to delegation

[Repealed]

Section 27: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Committees of board

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

28 Board may appoint committees

[Repealed]

Section 28: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

29 Membership of committee

[Repealed]

Section 29: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

30 Committee to regulate own procedure*[Repealed]*

Section 30: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Chief Executive of Commission***31 Appointment of chief executive**

- (1) The board must appoint a chief executive.
- (2) The chief executive must not be a member.
- (3) The chief executive is responsible to the board for the efficient and effective administration of the affairs of the Commission, including the appointment of employees.

32 Terms and conditions of chief executive's employment*[Repealed]*

Section 32: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

33 Delegation of powers or functions by chief executive*[Repealed]*

Section 33: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Employees of Commission**[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

34 Personnel policy: Commission to be good employer*[Repealed]*

Section 34: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

35 Establishment of superannuation schemes*[Repealed]*

Section 35: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

36 Employees not in service of the Crown

[Repealed]

Section 36: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Corruption and bribery, and corrupt use of
official information*

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

37 Members and employees are officials

[Repealed]

Section 37: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Protections from liability of members and
employees*

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

**38 Protections for members and employees from liabilities
of Commission**

[Repealed]

Section 38: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

**39 Immunity of members and employees from civil liability
to third parties**

[Repealed]

Section 39: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

**40 Indemnity for members and employees for costs from
civil and criminal proceedings**

[Repealed]

Section 40: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

41 Insurance for members and employees*[Repealed]*

Section 41: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

42 Saving of judicial protections from liability*[Repealed]*

Section 42: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

43 Breach of indemnity and insurance limits*[Repealed]*

Section 43: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

44 Definitions for protections from liability*[Repealed]*

Section 44: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Dealings with third parties by Commission**[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

45 Method of contracting*[Repealed]*

Section 45: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

46 Common seal*[Repealed]*

Section 46: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

47 Attorneys*[Repealed]*

Section 47: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

48 Dealings between Commission and other persons

[Repealed]

Section 48: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Financial provisions

[Repealed]

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

49 Commission's funds

[Repealed]

Section 49: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

50 Bank accounts

[Repealed]

Section 50: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

51 Restrictions on investments

[Repealed]

Section 51: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

52 Restrictions on borrowing

[Repealed]

Section 52: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

53 Restrictions related to trusts and to forming or holding shares or interests in bodies corporate or associations

[Repealed]

Section 53: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

54 Auditor-General to be auditor of Commission

[Repealed]

Section 54: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

55 Tax status: Commission to be public authority*[Repealed]*

Section 55: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Annual report**[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

56 Contents of annual report: requirements additional to those of section 41I of Public Finance Act 1989*[Repealed]*

Section 56: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

*Review of Commission's operations and performance**[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

57 Minister may conduct review*[Repealed]*

Section 57: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

58 Power to request information in connection with review*[Repealed]*

Section 58: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

59 Good reasons for refusing to supply requested information*[Repealed]*

Section 59: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

Application of Public Records Act 2005

Heading: substituted, on 21 April 2005, by section 67(1) of the Public Records Act 2005 (2005 No 40).

60 Public Records Act 2005 to apply

The Commission is a public office for the purposes of the Public Records Act 2005.

Section 60: substituted, on 21 April 2005, by section 67(1) of the Public Records Act 2005 (2005 No 40).

*Relationship with other enactments, functions,
and powers*

61 Other enactments, functions, and powers not affected

Nothing in this Act affects functions or powers conferred on any person by any other enactment.

Part 2

Amendments to other Acts

62 Amendments set out in Schedule 4

The Acts listed in Schedule 4 are amended in the manner set out in that schedule.

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Schedule 1
Members' duties
[Repealed]

Schedule 1: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

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Schedule 2
Membership of Commission
[Repealed]

Schedule 2: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

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Schedule 3
Procedure of board
[Repealed]

Schedule 3: repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 200 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115).

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Schedule 4
Amendments to other Acts

Ombudsmen Act 1975 (1975 No 9)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Public Finance Act 1989 (1989 No 44)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Families Commission Amendment Act 2014

Public Act 2014 No 9
Date of assent 24 March 2014
Commencement see section 2

1 Title

This Act is the Families Commission Amendment Act 2014.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Part 2 Transitional provisions

14 Transitional provisions relating to members of Commission

- (1) On the day on which this Act comes into force,—
 - (a) the Chief Families Commissioner is renamed the Families Commissioner and holds office as the chairperson of the Commission in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Crown Entities Act 2004; and
 - (b) the Deputy Chief Families Commissioner (if any) ceases to be called a Commissioner but holds office as the deputy chairperson of the Commission in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Crown Entities Act 2004; and
 - (c) all other Commissioners cease to be called Commissioners but remain as members of the Commission.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), nothing in that subsection or in any other changes made by this Act affects the terms and conditions of appointment of any member of the Commission appointed before this Act comes into force.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Families Commission Act 2003 that incorporates all the amendments to that Act as at the date of the last amendment to it.

2 *Legal status*

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4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

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Public Records Act 2005 (2005 No 40): section 67(1)

Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005 (2005 No 3): section 7

Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115): section 200
