

Royal
Commission

(DIA, 2001)

Summary Of Inquiry Process – refer Appendix I

- The type of inquiry and appropriate department to run it are decided upon after discussions between Ministers and officials, with advice from Crown Law Office (CLO) and State Services Commission (SSC) as required.
- Appointments to a Commission are decided by Ministers, with advice from the SSC and other relevant agencies. Where a current or retired member of the judiciary are sought to be appointed, the Attorney-General is responsible for approaching the Chief Justice. If needed, a Counsel Assisting is appointed by or seconded from the CLO after discussion with the prospective Chair.
- Officials from the department responsible for the subject matter of the inquiry draft the preliminary Terms of Reference, with advice sought as required from CLO, Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), SSC, Treasury and Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet (DPMC). After viewing by the Chair, these are provisionally approved by Cabinet along with an interim budget prepared by DIA.
- The Attorney-General instructs the Parliamentary Counsel to incorporate the Terms of Reference into the Warrant. Further feedback from the other drafting departments and Ministers is obtained before the final wording is confirmed. Parliamentary Counsel instructs the NZ Gazette Office at DIA regarding publication of the approved Warrant in the NZ Gazette as soon as consent is obtained from the Governor-General.
- The way the inquiry is to be conducted and the Commission is to be run are decided by the Chair and Commissioners. The Commission in consultation with Counsel Assisting decides requests for party status and procedures. Procedures are discussed with interested parties by Counsel Assisting. If necessary, approval to a revised budget is sought from Cabinet via the DIA Liaison Officer.
- The Commission's Executive Officer is formally appointed by the Secretary for Internal Affairs. The remainder of the secretariat are selected by the Executive Officer and appointed by the DIA Liaison Officer under delegation.
- Delegations are obtained from the Minister of Internal Affairs by the Secretary for Internal Affairs and sub-delegated to the DIA Liaison Officer and Executive Officer.
- Setting up the Commission's offices and making all administrative arrangements, including matters relating to the hearings, are done by the Executive Officer. The Information Officer oversees information management with support from the Secretariat.
- Once all information and evidence has been gathered and all parties heard, Commissioners draft the report under the leadership of the Chair. Adverse comments are referred to the parties concerned for review before the report is finalised and presented to the Governor-General.
- The Executive Officer manages publication of the report and ensures archiving of records. A review of how well the inquiry process ran is provided by the Executive Officer to Internal Affairs.



1: A Brief History of Commissions of Inquiry

- 1.1 The introduction of Commissions into modern legal history has been equated with the signing of the Domesday Book in the 11th century. The creation of the Domesday Book was the first time the Crown had examined its own workings and modified its powers as a result. It was the result of research and recommendations by agents of the Crown and is referred to as perhaps the first "Royal Commission".
- 1.2 In 12th Century Britain, eyres ("circuit courts") were dispatched by the Crown to transact judicial and financial business in the counties of England. These duties were officially deemed "Commissions", with their authority constituted by the warrant or letters patent that each representative of the Crown received. Such Commissions evolved into the standard method by which the judiciary exercised its powers across England on behalf of the Crown. Since their introduction, the main purpose of Commissions has been to assist the functioning of Government by ensuring an appropriate balance is maintained between the rights of the citizenry and the duties of the Crown.
- 1.3 Commissions of Inquiry were introduced in New Zealand in 1867 under the Commissioners' Powers Act 1867. This Act gave Commissions of Inquiry the power to summon witnesses and pay their expenses, examine them under oath, and require production of documents. It applied to boards or commissions appointed by the Governor-General in Council under other statutes. The Act was extended in 1872 and replaced in 1903 by the Commissioners' Act, which gave more comprehensive powers to Commissioners and also specified the purposes for which a Commission could be set up. In 1905 the 1903 Act was amended to allow judges on commissions to exercise their Supreme Court powers. The 1905 amendments also extended to covering Royal Commissions appointed under the Letters Patent, where previously the application of the various Acts to Royal Commissions had been unclear.
- 1.4 The Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 consolidated the 1903 and 1905 Acts and remains in force today, with various amendments (see **Appendix II**).
- 1.5 A number of Commissions have been subjected to judicial review, both during the course of the inquiry and after they have reported. These reviews have defined the meaning and extent of the Act and provide a picture of the sorts of problems that can befall Commissions of Inquiry. The main findings are summarised below.* An analysis of some of the key clauses in the Act is included in **Appendix VI**.
- 1.6 **Cock v Attorney General [1909] 2 NZLR 405**

This case arose from a Commission of Inquiry convened to investigate alleged bribery of the members of a district Licensing Committee. One of these members successfully challenged the legality of the Commission's Warrant.

The Court found that Commissions that purport to exercise judicial functions are illegal. Commissions are not courts.

* NB: For a fuller discussion of the history of Commissions of Inquiry, please refer to Chen, M and Palmer, Sir G *Public Law in New Zealand 2000* (2nd ed).

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Appendix XI

Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry
1947-2000

Below is a list of the Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry appointed in the period 1947 – 2000. The name of the chairman or sole commissioner is given in parentheses. A Gazette reference to the warrant of appointment is provided and the year of the report is given. The letters which follow some dates indicate where those reports may be found in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives. Other reports were not included in the Appendices.

Inquiries deemed Commissions of Inquiry under statutes other than the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 are not included.

1947

1948? → Royal Commission on the Sheep Farming Industry (Mr R. H. White). Appointed Gazette, p. 962. Reported 1948, H. 46; and 1949, H. 46A.

1948? Royal Commission on Various Māori Land Claims (Pukeroa, Mokau, and Mahia Blocks) (Right Hon. Sir Michael Myers, G.C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 989. Reported 1948, G. 2, G. 5, and G. 7.

1948 Royal Commission on Assessment of Rentals under West Coast Settlement Reserve Leases (Right Hon. Sir Michael Myers, G.C.M.G.) Appointed Gazette, p. 990. Reported 1948, G. 1.

1948 Royal Commission on the Ballantyne Fire, Christchurch (Hon Sir Harold Johnston). Appointed Gazette, p. 1887. Reported 1948, H. 47.

1948

~~not listed~~ Commission of Inquiry into Fresh Meat Supplies (Mr A. A. McLachlan, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 429 Reported 1948, H. 36.

Commission of Inquiry into Patents, Designs, and Trademarks (Mr H. E. Evans, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 480. Reported 1950, H. 10A.

Commission of Inquiry into the Treatment of Press Representatives at the Kaka Aircraft Disaster Inquiry (Hon. Sir Harold Johnston). Appointed Gazette, p. 1541. Reported 1949, H. 37A.

1949

Commission of Inquiry into Treatment and Disposal of Sewage in Auckland Metropolitan Drainage District (Mr R. H. Quilliam). Appointed Gazette, p. 689. Reported 1949, H. 3.

Royal Commission on leases of certain Māori Vested Lands (Right Hon. Sir Michael Myers, G.C.M.G., who died before any report had been made was replaced as chairman by Judge D.J. Dalglish). Appointed Gazette, p. 2693. Reported 1951, G. 5.

1951? Royal Commission on Māori Payment Claims for West Taupo Timber Lands, Tarawera, Tatarakaikina, Mohaka, and Opouturi Blocks (Right Hon. Sir Michael Myers, G.C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2807. Reported 1951, G. 1, G. 2, G. 4, and G. 7.

1950

✓ Royal Commission on Māori Claims to the Wanganui River (Hon. Sir Harold Johnston). Appointed Gazette, p. 155. Reported 1950, G. 2.

Royal Commission on the Waterfront Industry (Hon. Sir Robert Kennedy). Appointed Gazette, p. 1777. Reported 1952, H. 50.

Commission of Inquiry on the War Pensions Act and Regulations (Mr E. A. Lee, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1871. Reported 1951, H. 46.

1951

Commission of Inquiry under Auckland Harbour Bridge Act 1950 (Mr S. L. Paterson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1347.

✓ Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Sir Arthur Donnelly, K.B.E., C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 176. Reported 1951, H. 25.

✓ Royal Commission on Additional Meat Export Slaughterhouse in Southland (Mr J. H. Luxford, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1013. Reported 1951, H. 38.

1952

Royal Commission on the New Zealand Government Railways (Sir John Allum, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 377. Reported 1952, D. 3.

Commission of Inquiry into Certain Matters Affecting the Future Development of Edgecumbe Township (Mr E. L. Walton, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 433.

Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Prosecution of Daniella Sylvia Joan Weir (Mr H. W. Bundle). Appointed Gazette, p. 445.

Commission of Inquiry into the Working of the Law Relating to the Taxation of Certain Māori Authorities (Mr J. H. Luxford). Appointed Gazette, p.766. Reported 1952, B. 4.

1953

Commission of Inquiry into the Effect on Foxton and District of the Construction of the Whirokino Cut in the Manawatu River (Mr R. M. Grant, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p.226.

Commission of Inquiry into the Conduct of the Police Force (Hon. Sir Robert Kennedy). Appointed Gazette, p. 1737. Reported 1954, H. 16 and H. 16B; and 1955, H. 16C.

1954

Commission of Inquiry into Fatal Accident at Half-way Bush Substation (Mr J. G. Warrington, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 259.

Commission of Inquiry into Tuberculin Testing of Town Milk Supply Herds (Mr A. Coleman). Appointed (twice) Gazette, pp.386, 1999.

1955

Royal Commission on the Monetary, Banking, and Credit Systems (Mr Justice Tyndall, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 399. Reported 1956, B. 3.

Commission of Inquiry into Fatal Accident on Board HMNZS Black Prince (Mr L. G. H. Sinclair, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 654. Reported H. 5A.

Commission of Inquiry into Atmospheric Nuisances in South Auckland Metropolitan Area (Mr S. M. Macalister). Appointed Gazette, p. 852. Reported 1955, H. 31A.

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Hon. W. E. Barnard). Appointed Gazette, p. 974. Reported 1955, H. 50.

Commission of Inquiry into the Police Prosecution of Donald James Ruka and Murdoch Campbell Harris (Mr W. H. Carson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1116. Reported 1955, H. 16E.

Commission of Inquiry into Accident at Renown Colliery (Mr S. L. Paterson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1526. Reported 1956, C. 2B.

1956

Commission of Inquiry into the Casualty to the Motor Vessel Joyita (Judge C. C. Marsack). Appointed Gazette, p. 7. Reported 1956, H. 47.

Commission of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies (Judge W. F. Stillwell). Appointed Gazette, p. 1608. Reported 1957, H. 47.

1957

Royal Commission on D.I.C. Scaffolding Accident, Wellington (Sir Arthur Tyndall, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 830. Reported 1957, H. 49.

Royal Commission on Local Authority Finance (Hon. Sir Joseph Stanton). Appointed Gazette, p. 1933. Reported 1959, B. 4.

1958

Commission of Inquiry on Boundaries of the Inner Area of Auckland Metropolitan Drainage District (Mr A. A. McLachlan, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 141.

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Hon. W. E. Barnard, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 296 (Mr Barnard died without reporting).

Commission of Inquiry into Accident at Westhaven Coal Mine (Mr H. J. Thompson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 381. Reported 1958, C. 2B.

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr R. McKeen). Appointed Gazette, p. 418. Reported 1958, H. 50.

1959

Commission of Inquiry into Meat Industry (Mr D. M. Greig). Appointed Gazette, p. 74 Reported 1959 H. 29A.

Commission of Inquiry into the Distribution of Electricity (Hon. Sir Joseph Stanton). Appointed Gazette, p. 237.

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr R. McKeen). Appointed Gazette, p. 589. Reported 1959 H. 50.

Commission of Inquiry under Auckland Harbour Bridge Act 1950 (Mr S. L. Paterson, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 647.

Commission of Inquiry into Public Service Salary and Wage Scales Appropriate to Western Samoa (Mr A. G. Rodda). Appointed Gazette, p. 1039.

Commission of Inquiry into Accident at Kings Wharf Premises of Auckland Farmers Freezing Co. Ltd. (Mr L. G. H. Sinclair, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1423.

1960

Commission of Inquiry into Arthur Barnett Fire, Dunedin (Judge E. F. Rothwell). Appointed Gazette, p. 133.

Commission of Inquiry into the purchase of "Canberra" Aircraft (Hon. Sir George Finlay). Appointed Gazette, p. 1307. Reported 1960, H. 37B.

1961

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr E. D. Blundell, O.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 347. Reported 1961, H. 50.

Royal Commission on State Services in New Zealand (Mr Justice McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 977. Reported 1962, H. 41.

1962

Commission of Inquiry into Improved Land Access to the Port of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty (Mr E. R. McKillop, C.M.G., O.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1377. Reported 1963, D. 1B.

1963

Commission of Inquiry into Lower Waikato and Waipa River Control Scheme of the Waikato Valley Authority (Mr F. F. Reid, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, pp. 368, 655.

Commission of Inquiry into the Financial Return for Butter Consumed in New Zealand (Sir Arthur Tyndall, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 581. Reported 1963, B. 8.

Commission of Inquiry into Proposed Transmission of Electricity from Otahuhu to Henderson Substations (Mr F. F. Reid, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 772. Reported 1963, D. 46.

Commission of Inquiry into Alleged Nuisances in Auckland Metropolitan Drainage District (Mr F. F. Reid, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2979. Reported 1965, H. 31A.

1964

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr E. D. Blundell, O.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 279. Reported 1964, H. 50.

1965

Commission of Inquiry into Vocational Training (Sir Arthur Tyndall, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 5.

Commission of Inquiry into Accident at General Plastics (N.Z.) Ltd., Masterton (Sir Arthur Tyndall, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 620.

Commission of Inquiry into Riot at Auckland Prison (Mr A. A. Coates, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1203.

Commission of Inquiry into Riot at Christchurch Prison (Mr E. A. Lee, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1203.

1966

Commission of Inquiry into the Security Service and University Attendance (Hon. Sir Douglas Hutchison). Appointed Gazette, p. 1057. Reported 1966, H. 48.

Royal Commission on Workers' Compensation (Mr Justice Woodhouse). Appointed Gazette, p. 1464. Reported December 1967.

1967

Commission of Inquiry into Strongman Mine Disaster (Mr J. K. Patterson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 217. Reported 1967, C. 4.

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr E. D. Blundell, O.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 306. Reported 1967, H. 50.

1968

Royal Commission on Salary and Wage Fixing Procedures in the State Services (Sir Thaddeus McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 292. Reported 1968, H. 14, H. 24.

Commission of Inquiry into Wildlife Management and Research (Mr J. K. Hunn, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 997. Reported November 1968.

1969

Commission of Inquiry into Scientology (Sir Guy Powles, K.B.E., C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 159. Reported 1969, H. 48.

Commission of Inquiry into Frequency Modulations for Broadcasting Stations (Mr R. T. Peacock). Commencement not gazetted being under the Broadcasting Authority Act 1968.

Commission of Inquiry into Television Services (Mr R. T. Peacock). Commencement (October 1969) not gazetted, being under the Broadcasting Authority Act 1968. Reported 1971, F. 5.

Royal Commission on Horse Racing, Trotting and Dog Racing (Sir Thaddeus McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 1610. Reported 1970, H. 51.

Royal Commission on Social Security (Sir Thaddeus McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 1787. Reported 1972, H. 53.

1970

Royal Commission on Parliamentary Salaries (Mr D. McGrath). Appointed Gazette, p. 232. Reported 1970, H. 50.

Commission of Inquiry into Housing (Mr R. B. Cooke, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 705. Reported 1971, H. 51.

Commission of Inquiry into Lake Manapouri Power Proposals (Hon. Sir Douglas Hutchison). Appointed Gazette, p. 708. Reported 1970, D. 3.

Commission of Inquiry into Kaimai Tunnel Disaster (Mr A. W. Yortt). Appointed Gazette, p. 792. Reported 1970, C. 2A.

Commission of Inquiry into New Zealand Shipping (Mr R. D. Jamieson, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 982. Reported 1971, H. 52.

1971

Commission of Inquiry into Equal Pay (Mr D. McGrath). Appointed Gazette, p. 106. Reported 1971, H. 54.

Royal Commission on Handling of Containers, Seafreighters, and Unitised Cargo (Mr L. H. Southwick, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1043. Reported 1972, H. 57.

Commission of Inquiry into Psychiatric Services at Oakley Hospital (Mr C. P. Hutchinson, M.B.E., Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1483. Reported 1971, H. 31A.

1972

Royal Commission to inquire into and Report Upon Hospital and Related Services (Mr C. P. Hutchinson). Appointed Gazette, p. 440. Reported 1973, H. 51, H. 5. and H. 6.

Royal Commission to inquire into and Report Upon Salary and Wage Fixing Procedures in the State Services (The Right Honourable Sir Thaddeus Pearcey McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 441. Reported 1972, H. 56.

Commission of Inquiry into the Dismissal of the Editor of the New Zealand Listener (Mr E. A. Lee, O.B.E., J.P.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1643. Reported 1972, H. 58.

1973

Royal Commission to Inquire into, and Report Upon, Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances (Mr J. D. McGrath). Appointed Gazette, p. 308. Reported 1973, H. 2.

Commission of Inquiry into Auckland Civil Defence Emergency (Mr R. K. Davison, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 472. Reported 1973, H. 9.

Commission of Inquiry into the Meat Industry (Mr A. H. Nordmeyer, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 730. Reported 1974, H. 4.

Royal Commission to Inquire and Report Upon the Sale of Liquor in New Zealand (Mr A. A. Coates, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1411. Reported 1975, H. 5.

Commission of Inquiry into Māori Reserved Land (Mr B. Sheehan). Appointed Gazette, p. 2793. Reported 1975, H. 3.

1974

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon the Future Use of Rangatira B and Rangatira C Blocks (The Honourable Sir Trevor Ernest Henry). Appointed Gazette, p. 455. Reported 1974, H. 6.

Commission of Inquiry into Distribution of Motor Spirits and Ancillary Products (Mr R. T. Feist). Appointed Gazette, p. 1752. Reported 1976, H. 3.

Commission of Inquiry into Harbour Pilotage (Mr A. A. Coates, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2534. Reported 1975, H. 4.

Commission of Inquiry Into Certain Allegations (Mr R. K. Davison, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2635. Reported 25 February 1975.

Commission of Inquiry into Explosion and Fire at Seaview, Hutt Valley (Mr E. F. Rothwell). Appointed 9 December 1974. Reported 23 July 1975. Report bears the title "Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Explosion and Fire which occurred at the factory of Chemicals Manufacturing Co. Ltd. on 26 September 1974".

1975

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion (The Honourable Duncan Wallace McMullin). Appointed Gazette, p. 1406. Reported 1977, E. 26.

1976

Commission of Inquiry into New Zealand Electricity Department House Rents (Mr N. R. Taylor, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1397. Reported 1976, lv.

Royal Commission on Nuclear Power Generation (The Right Honourable Sir Thaddeus Pearcey McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 2124. Reported 1978, H. 4.

Royal Commission on the Courts (The Honourable David Stuart Beattie). Appointed Gazette, p. 2276. Reported 1978, H. 2.

Commission on Inquiry into the Heavy Engineering Industry (Mr R. K. Davison, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2540. Reported 1978.

Commission of Inquiry into Alleged Breach Confidentiality of the Police File on the Honourable Colin James Moyle, M.P. (The Right Honourable Sir Alfred Kingsley North, K.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2713. Reported 1978.

1977

Commission on Inquiry into the Discharge by the Director-General of Social Welfare and other Officers of the Department of Social Welfare of their Respective Responsibilities in Respect of a 13-year-old Niuean Boy (Mr W. J. Mitchell, S.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 122. Reported 1977, E. 25.

Commission on Inquiry into the Distribution of Motor Vehicle Parts (Mr K. R. Congreve). Appointed Gazette, p. 1213. Reported 1977, H. 5.

Commission of Inquiry Into Social Facilities in the Waiouru Camp Community (Mr J. H. Macky, C.B.E.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2741. Reported 1978, H. 3.

1978

Royal Commission on the Māori Courts (The Right Honourable Sir Thaddeus Pearcey McCarthy). Appointed Gazette, p. 2220. Reported 1980, H. 3.

Commission of Inquiry Into Chiropractic (Mr B. D. Inglis, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 302. Reported 1979, H. 2.

1979

Commission of Inquiry into Wage Relativities on New Zealand Vessels (Mr G. O. Whatnall). Appointed Gazette, p. 1079. Reported 1979, H. 2.

Commission of Inquiry into Abbotsford Landslip Disaster (Mr R. G. Gallen, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2506. Reported 1980, H. 7.

Commission of Inquiry Into Rescue and Fire Services At International Airports (Mr J. S. Shephard). Appointed Gazette, p. 2622. Reported 1980, H. 4.

Commission of Inquiry into the Taxation of Travelling Allowances (Mr W. Wilson). Appointed Gazette, p. 2506. Reported 1980, B. 28.

1980

Commission of Inquiry into the Freight Forwarding Industry (Mr B. Bornholdt). Appointed Gazette, p. 1681. Reported 1980, H. 2.

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon the Crash on Mount Erebus, Antarctica, of a DC-10 Aircraft operated by Air New Zealand Limited (The Honourable Peter Thomas Mahon). Appointed Gazette, p. 1731. Reported 1981, H. 1.

Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Impropriety in Respect of Approval by the Marginal Lands Board of an Application by James Maurice Fitzgerald and Audrey Fitzgerald (The Honourable John Raymond Mills, C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2029. Appointment revoked, Gazette, 1980, p. 2180).

Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Impropriety in Respect of Approval by the Marginal Lands Board of an Application by James Maurice Fitzgerald and Audrey Fitzgerald (Mr B. D. Inglis, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2521. Reported 1980, H. 5, H. 5A.

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon the Circumstances of the Convictions of Arthur Allan Thomas for the Murders of David Harvey Crewe and Jeanette Lenore Crewe (The Honourable Robert Lindsay Taylor, Q.C. and Retired Chief Judge at Common Law, Supreme Court of New South Wales). Appointed Gazette, p. 1265. Reported 1980, H. 6.

1982

Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the District Court at Wellington (Mr P.G. Hillyer, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 3255. Reported 1983, H. 3.

Commission of Inquiry into Air Traffic Control Services (Air Marshal Sir Richard Bruce Bolt, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C., A.F.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2491.

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon Certain Matters Related to Drug Trafficking (Mr D. G. Stewart, a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales). Appointed Gazette, p. 3675. Reported 1983, H. 2.

1983

Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Release of Ian David Donaldson from a Psychiatric Hospital and of his Subsequent Arrest and Release on Bail (Mr P. B. Temm, Q.C.). Appointed Gazette, p. 1640. Reported 1983, H. 4.

Commission on Inquiry into Contractual Arrangements Entered into by the Broadcasting Corporation of New Zealand With its Employees and into Certain Matters Related to Advertising (Mr W. R. Jackson). Appointed Gazette, p. 3121. Reported 1984, H. 2.

1984

Commission on Inquiry into Industrial Relations on the Whangarei Refinery Expansion Project Construction Site (Mr I. M. Mackay). Appointed Gazette, p. 4132. Appointment revoked, Gazette, 1984, p. 5456.

1985

Royal Commission on Broadcasting and Related Telecommunications (Mr R. Mc D. Chapman). Appointed Gazette, p. 455. Reported 1986, H. 2.

Royal Commission on the Electoral System (The Honourable John Hamilton Wallace). Appointed Gazette, p. 587. Reported 1986, H. 3.

1986

Royal Commission on Social Policy (The Right Honourable Sir Ivor Lloyd Morgan Richardson). Appointed Gazette, p. 4650. Reported 1988, H. 2.

1994

Commission of Inquiry into Certain Matters Relating to Taxation (The Right Honourable Sir Ronald Keith Davison, G.B.E., C.M.G.). Appointed Gazette, p. 2848. Reported 1997, H. 3.

1995

Commission on Inquiry into the Collapse of a Viewing Platform at Cave Creek Near Punakaiki on the West Coast (Mr G. S. Noble, District Court Judge). Appointed Gazette, p. 1115. Reported 1995, H. 2.

1999

Commission of Inquiry into Provision of Computer System Known as the Integrated National Crime Information System (INCIS) (The Right Honourable Sir Ian Lloyd McKay, K.N.Z.M.). Appointed Gazette, p. 3943. Appointment revoked, Gazette, 2000, p. 232.

2000

Royal Commission on Genetic Modification (The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Eichelbaum). Appointed Gazette, p. 1072.

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