



Coroners Amendment Act 2003

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Coroners Amendment Act 2003.
- (2) In this Act, the Coroners Act 1988 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

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

3 Interpretation

- (1) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, in their appropriate alphabetical order, the following definitions:

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

“**responsible department** means the department of State that, with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act”.

- (2) The definition of **Secretary** in section 2 of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “Department for Courts:”, and substituting the words “responsible department.”.

4 Inquests to be before coroner alone

Section 21(2) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “of the Crown who is responsible for the Department for Courts”.

5 Retirement of coroners and deputies

Section 33(6) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “of Justice”.

6 Information held in Department of Justice

- (1) The heading to section 44 of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “**Department of Justice**”, and substituting the words “**responsible department**”.
- (2) Section 44 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:
- “(3) Subject to subsection (2), the availability of documents given to the Secretary under this Act must be determined,—
- “(a) in the case of a request made by the individual to whom the information relates, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993; or
- “(b) in any other case, in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.”

Legislative history

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21 October 2003	Royal assent

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.
