

As a subscriber to our electronic statutes and regulations service you have access to a number of unique and important features. Here's one . . .

POINT IN TIME

The screenshot shows the Westlaw NZ interface for the section '69 Party to any other crime outside New Zealand'. It features a navigation menu on the left, a search bar at the top, and a main content area with 'HISTORY NOTES'. Three 'HISTORIC TEXT' boxes are visible, each with a date range. Dotted orange arrows point from the text 'SEE FOR YOURSELF' to these three boxes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

- Thomson Reuters is the only electronic publisher who offers previous versions of sections and defined terms prior to each legislative change, **including the date range that each historic version was in force**
- Historic versions are captured on a section by section basis.
- As at March 2015, full versioning of each section and defined term has been completed for all public, local and private in-force principal Acts! Legislative Instruments also have either completed or partial versioning.
- Thomson Reuters does not delete all previous history notes when a section is replaced.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

An example of Historic versions with date ranges (section 69 Crimes Act 1961)

SO WHY ARE HISTORIC VERSIONS SO USEFUL?

They are essential to “time travel” research, where a user needs to access the law as at a particular date.

For example, where a practitioner is required to determine the law at the time a cause of action arose, the list of historic versions immediately shows the legislation that applied relevant to the cause of action.

More key features of our service to follow . . .



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