Footnotes to Think Piece 12

5. New Zealand was officially a Dominion from 1907 until 1931, when the Statute of Westminster was passed in Britain. When the Statute of Westminster was ratified in 1947, New Zealand officially became an independent nation-state. While an independent nation-state, New Zealand is also a part of the Realm of New Zealand, of which the Queen is the head of state. (Personal correspondence with Sean Kinsler, Legal and Constitutional Adviser, Cabinet Office, Tuesday 20 October 2009).
15. Ibid.
17. While the name of the country is not defined in statute, the name used in legal documents is ‘New Zealand’. The Māori name ‘Aotearoa’ can be used interchangeably with this, but this usage is not defined in statute (Personal correspondence with Sean Kinsler, Legal and Constitutional Adviser, Cabinet Office, 19 October 2009).