SFO Investigating Michael Dreaver

The Serious Fraud Office has confirmed today that it is investigating Michael Dreaver, the Crown's Chief Negotiator for Treaty of Waitangi settlements.

SFO acting chief executive Simon McArley said the investigation had been launched following a detailed complaint received on the SFO website.

Dreaver's comfortable anonymity was shattered in February 2013 when NZ First leader Winston Peters drew public attention to the outrageous payments received by Treaty negotiators since 2008.

Dreaver operates as the point man for Sir Douglas Graham in Treaty negotiations.

Sir Douglas received a paltry \$187,000 in comparison to Dreaver's \$1.5 million. With his criminal conviction for misleading shareholders in the Lombard Finance case, Doug would normally be flagged for immediate investigation, however the SFO has obviously decided that, given the amount, Dreaver is a better bet.

In a separate investigation, the SFO is looking into possible fraud relating to work done by Dreaver for Te Puni Kōkiri.

Updates as more information comes to hand.

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