



Housing Act 1957

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PART VII

GENERAL

Default of local authorities

172 Powers of Minister in event of default by county council in the exercise of transferred powers

If upon a representation made to the Minister by any justice of the peace acting for, or by any four or more local government electors of, any rural district, or otherwise, it appears to the Minister that a county council to whom powers have been transferred under the last foregoing section have failed to exercise those powers in any case where those powers ought to have been exercised, he may cause a public local inquiry to be held and if, after the inquiry has been held, he is satisfied that the county council have failed as aforesaid, he may either—

- (a) make an order directing them to exercise such of the said powers, in such manner and within such time as may be specified in his order ; or
- (b) make an order rendering any of the said powers exerciseable by himself.