



# Inquiries Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 12

### *Constitution of inquiry*

#### **8 Suitability of inquiry panel**

- (1) In appointing a member of the inquiry panel, the Minister must have regard—
  - (a) to the need to ensure that the inquiry panel (considered as a whole) has the necessary expertise to undertake the inquiry;
  - (b) in the case of an inquiry panel consisting of a chairman and one or more other members, to the need for balance (considered against the background of the terms of reference) in the composition of the panel.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) the Minister may have regard to the assistance that may be provided to the inquiry panel by any assessor whom the Minister proposes to appoint, or has appointed, under section 11.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Inquiries Act 2005, Section 8.