



Inquiries Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 12

Constitution of inquiry

9 Requirement of impartiality

- (1) The Minister must not appoint a person as a member of the inquiry panel if it appears to the Minister that the person has—
 - (a) a direct interest in the matters to which the inquiry relates, or
 - (b) a close association with an interested party,unless, despite the person's interest or association, his appointment could not reasonably be regarded as affecting the impartiality of the inquiry panel.
- (2) Before a person is appointed as a member of an inquiry panel he must notify the Minister of any matters that, having regard to subsection (1), could affect his eligibility for appointment.
- (3) If at any time (whether before the setting-up date or during the course of the inquiry) a member of the inquiry panel becomes aware that he has an interest or association falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1), he must notify the Minister.
- (4) A member of the inquiry panel must not, during the course of the inquiry, undertake any activity that could reasonably be regarded as affecting his suitability to serve as such.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Inquiries Act 2005, Section 9.