



Requisitioned Land and War Works Act 1945

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PART I

THE WAR WORKS COMMISSION.

1 The War Works Commission.

- (1) For the purpose of reporting on the matters and deciding the questions mentioned in the subsequent provisions of this Act, there shall be a Commission, to be called the War Works Commission, (in this Act referred to as " the Commission ") consisting of a chairman and such number of other members as His Majesty may think expedient, to be appointed by His Majesty.
- (2) The appointment of a member of the Commission shall be for such term as may be determined by His Majesty before his appointment and shall be subject to such conditions as may be so determined.
- (3) A member of the Commission who ceases to hold office shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (4) A person shall be disqualified for being appointed or being a member of the Commission so long as he is a member of the Commons House of Parliament.
- (5) The Commission shall appoint a secretary to the Commission, and may appoint such other officers and such servants of the Commission as the Commission may, with the consent of the Treasury, determine.
- (6) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by the Parliament of the United Kingdom—
 - (a) to the members, officers and servants of the Commission such remuneration (whether by way of salaries or by way of fees), and such allowances, as the Treasury may determine; and
 - (b) any expenses incurred by the Commission with the approval of the Treasury.

2 Procedure of Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall have power to act notwithstanding a vacancy among the members thereof.
- (2) At any meeting of the Commission three or such greater number as the Commission may determine shall be the quorum.
- (3) In considering any matters referred to them under the subsequent provisions of this Act, the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, cause such inquiries to be made-, and give to such persons such opportunities of making oral or written representations, as the Commission think fit, and may, if they think fit, cause a local inquiry to be held.
- (4) The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) of section two hundred and ninety of the Local Government Act, 1933 (which relate to the summoning of witnesses, the production of documents, and costs), shall apply to any such local inquiry as they apply to a local inquiry held under that section, but as if for references to a department there were substituted references to the Commission:

Provided that—

- (a) no local authority shall be ordered to pay costs under subsection (4) of that section in the case of any inquiry unless it is a party to that inquiry; and
- (b) for the purposes of subsection (5) of that section, the Minister making the proposals with respect to which the inquiry is being held shall be deemed to be a party to the inquiry and costs may be ordered to be paid to or by him accordingly.

3 Dissolution of Commission.

If it appears to His Majesty that the Commission have dealt with all the matters which have been referred to them under this Act and that no further matters are likely to be referred to them thereunder, His Majesty may by Order in Council dissolve the Commission.