



Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

1959 CHAPTER 15

14 Inquest on order of Attorney General.

[^{F1}(1)] Where the Attorney General has reason to believe that a deceased person has died in circumstances which in his opinion make the holding of an inquest advisable he may direct any coroner (whether or not he is the coroner for the district in which the death has occurred) to conduct an inquest into the death of that person, and that coroner shall proceed to conduct an inquest in accordance with the provisions of this Act (and as if, not being the coroner for the district in which the death occurred, he were such coroner) whether or not he or any other coroner has viewed the body, made any inquiry or investigation, held any inquest into or done any other act in connection with the death.

[^{F2}(2) Subsection (3) applies in relation to the death of a person if the Secretary of State certifies that there is information relevant to the question of whether a direction should be given under this section in relation to the death which is or includes information the disclosure of which may be against the interests of national security.

(3) The functions of the Attorney General under this section are to be exercised by the Advocate General for Northern Ireland instead.]

F1 S. 14 renumbered (12.4.2010) as sub-section (1) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 12, **Sch. 14 para. 1(2)** (with arts. 28-31); [S.I. 2010/977](#), **art. 1(2)**

F2 S. 14(2)(3) inserted (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 12, **Sch. 14 para. 1(3)** (with arts. 28-31); [S.I. 2010/977](#), **art. 1(2)**

Changes to legislation:

Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, Section 14 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 16A-16C inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 44\(1\)](#)