



## 2011 CHAPTER 25

### Part 14

#### Miscellaneous and general provisions

##### *Inquiries*

##### **Local inquiries**

**231.**—(1) The Department may cause a public local inquiry to be held for the purpose of the exercise of any of its functions under this Act.

(2) Schedule A1 to the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies in relation to a public local inquiry held under this Act as it applies in relation to a local inquiry held under an enactment passed or made as mentioned in section 23 of that Act.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of Schedule A1 to the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, the Department may make rules regulating the procedure (except the procedure in relation to any matter for which rules under subsection (3) of section 233, subsection (3) of section 234 or subsection (2) or (5) of section 235 may make provision) to be followed in connection with inquiries held by or on behalf of the Department under this Act.

(4) Rules made under subsection (3) shall be subject to negative resolution.

##### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [Ss. 228-235](#): transfer of functions (8.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9(2))

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 231. (See end of Document for details)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 231 in operation at 13.2.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/49](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- I2** S. 231 in operation at 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2015/49](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159](#), art. 2)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 231.