



## 2013 CHAPTER 2

### *The inquiry*

#### **End of inquiry**

- 5.—(1) For the purposes of this Act the inquiry comes to an end—
- (a) on the date, after the delivery of the report of the inquiry, on which the chairperson notifies the First Minister and deputy First Minister that the inquiry has fulfilled its terms of reference; or
  - (b) on any earlier date specified in a notice given to the chairperson by the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly.
- (2) The date specified in a notice under subsection (1)(b) may not be earlier than the date on which the notice is sent.
- (3) Before exercising their power under subsection (1)(b) the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must consult the chairperson.
- (4) Where the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly give a notice under subsection (1)(b) they must—
- (a) set out in the notice their reasons for bringing the inquiry to an end;
  - (b) lay a copy of the notice, as soon as is reasonably practicable, before the Assembly.