



Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 49

PART I

ADMINISTRATION

Central Authority

[^{F1}6A Inquiries.

[Without prejudice to section 6B(1) of this Act, the Secretary of State may cause an ^{F2}(1) inquiry to be held into—

- (a) the functions of a local authority under this Act or any of the enactments mentioned in section 5(1B) of this Act;
 - (b) the functions of an adoption society, within the meaning of [^{F3}section 119(1) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 4)];
 - (c) ^{F4}
 - (d) the detention of a child under—
 - (i) section 57 of the ^{M1} Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937;
or
[section 44 [^{F6}, 205ZC(5)] or 208 of the ^{M2} Criminal Procedure ^{F5}(ii) (Scotland) Act 1995;]^{F7}...
 - (e) the functions of the Principal Reporter under [^{F8}the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1)] or any other enactment]^{F9}; or
 - (f) the functions conferred on the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland by virtue of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 1)].
- (2) The Secretary of State may, before an inquiry is commenced, direct that it shall be held in private, but where no such direction has been given the person holding the inquiry may if he thinks fit hold it or any part of it in private.
- (3) Subsections (2) to (8) of section 210 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act ^{M3} 1973 (powers in relation to local inquiries) shall apply in relation to an inquiry under this section as they apply in relation to a local inquiry under that section.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6A inserted (1.4.1991) by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), [s. 54](#)
- F2** S. 6A(1) substituted (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by [1995 c. 36, s. 105\(4\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 15\(7\)](#) (with [s. 103\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/3201, art. 3\(6\)\(7\)](#) (which said art. 3(7) was substituted (7.3.1997) by [S.I. 1997/744, art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions inserted into [S.I. 1996/3201](#) by [art. 3](#)))
- F3** Words in s. 6A(1)(b) substituted (28.9.2009) by [Adoption and Children \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 4\)](#), [s. 121\(2\)](#), [sch. 2 para. 2\(3\)](#); [S.S.I. 2009/267](#), arts. 1(2), 2 (with arts. 3-21) (as amended (7.5.2012) by [S.S.I. 2012/99](#), art. 2)
- F4** S. 6A(1)(c) repealed (1.4.2002) by [2001 asp 8, s. 80\(1\)\(2\)](#), [Sch. 4](#); [S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2](#) (with arts. 3-13)
- F5** S. 6A(1)(d)(ii) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 40, ss. 5, 7\(2\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 6\(3\)](#)
- F6** Word in s. 6A(1)(d) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021 \(c. 11\)](#), [s. 50\(1\)\(i\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 47](#)
- F7** Word in s. 6A(1) inserted (18.4.2011) by [Children’s Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Consequential Provision\) and Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Amendment of Specified Authorities\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/186\)](#), arts. 1, [2\(a\)](#)
- F8** Words in s. 6A(1)(e) substituted (24.6.2013) by [The Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Modification of Primary Legislation\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/211\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 1 para. 1\(5\)](#)
- F9** S. 6A(1)(f) and words inserted (18.4.2011) by [Children’s Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Consequential Provision\) and Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Amendment of Specified Authorities\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/186\)](#), arts. 1, [2\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1937 c.37](#).
- M2** [1995 c.40](#).
- M3** [1973 c. 65 \(81:2\)](#).

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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. 29(3)(j) repealed by [2005 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 1](#)
- s. 61B inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 36](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 36 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 62(3)(d) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 38 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 64A(1)(e) and word inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 10 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 87A inserted by [2007 asp 10 s. 66](#)