



Inquiries Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 12

Constitution of inquiry

1 Power to establish inquiry

- (1) A Minister may cause an inquiry to be held under this Act in relation to a case where it appears to him that—
 - (a) particular events have caused, or are capable of causing, public concern, or
 - (b) there is public concern that particular events may have occurred.
- (2) In this Act “Minister” means—
 - (a) a United Kingdom Minister;
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers;
 - ^{F1}(ba) the Welsh Ministers;]
 - ^{F1}(c) a Northern Ireland Minister;
 - ^{F2}
- (3) References in this Act to an inquiry, except where the context requires otherwise, are to an inquiry under this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(2)(ba) inserted by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\), s. 160\(1\), Sch. 10 para. 90](#), (with Sch. 11 para. 22), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act.
- F2** Words in s. 1(2) repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\), s. 160\(1\), 163, Sch. 10 para. 90, Sch. 12](#) (with [Sch. 11 para. 22](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial

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