



Inquiries Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 12

Constitution of inquiry

9 Requirement of impartiality

- (1) The Minister must not appoint a person as a member of the inquiry panel if it appears to the Minister that the person has—
 - (a) a direct interest in the matters to which the inquiry relates, or
 - (b) a close association with an interested party,unless, despite the person's interest or association, his appointment could not reasonably be regarded as affecting the impartiality of the inquiry panel.
- (2) Before a person is appointed as a member of an inquiry panel he must notify the Minister of any matters that, having regard to subsection (1), could affect his eligibility for appointment.
- (3) If at any time (whether before the setting-up date or during the course of the inquiry) a member of the inquiry panel becomes aware that he has an interest or association falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1), he must notify the Minister.
- (4) A member of the inquiry panel must not, during the course of the inquiry, undertake any activity that could reasonably be regarded as affecting his suitability to serve as such.