



Ministry Of Transport Act 1919

1919 CHAPTER 50 9 and 10 Geo 5

An Act to establish a Ministry of Transport and for purposes connected therewith. [15th August 1919]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 The Minister means the Secretary of State
- C2 Act repealed (N.I.) by [S.I. 1980/1085 \(N.I. 11\)](#), [Sch. 9](#)
- C3 Act extended (E.W.) by [London Regional Transport Act 1984 \(c. 32, SIF 126\)](#), [s. 65](#)

Commencement Information

- I1 Act wholly in force at Royal Assent.

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Textual Amendments

- F1 [Ss. 1, 2](#) repealed, but without prejudice to operation of s. 20(1) of this Act, by [S.I. 1970/1681](#), [Sch. 4](#)

3 F2

Textual Amendments

- F2 [S. 3](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1964 \(c. 79\)](#)

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Textual Amendments
F3 S. 4 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)

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Textual Amendments
F4 S. 5 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), Sch. 1 Pt. IX

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Textual Amendments
F5 S. 6 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1964 (c. 79)

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Textual Amendments
F6 S. 7 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1966 (c. 5)

8—10. F7

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Textual Amendments
F7 Ss. 8—10 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1960 (c. 56)

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Textual Amendments
F8 S. 11 repealed with saving by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65), s. 1(8), Sch. 7 Pt. II para. 14

12 F9

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Textual Amendments
F9 S. 12 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)

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13 F10

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 13 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1959 \(c. 68\)](#)

14 F11

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 14 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1960 \(c. 56\)](#)

15 F12

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 15 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1964 \(c. 79\)](#)

16 F13

Textual Amendments

F13 S. 16 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)

17 Power to make advances for certain purposes.

(1) The Minister may, subject to the approval of the Treasury, make advances out of the moneys provided by Parliament to any authority, company or person, either by way of grant or by way of loan, or partly in one way and partly in another, and upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit for any of the following purposes:—

- (a) The construction, improvement or maintenance of railways, light railways, or tramways:
- (b) F14
- (c) The construction, improvement or maintenance of harbours, docks or piers:
- (d) The construction, improvement or maintenance of canals or inland navigations:
- (e) The promotion and improvement of transport services by land or water:

..... F15
Provided that the Minister shall not make an advance exceeding one million pounds at any one time for the purpose of any work, unless specially authorised to do so by a Resolution of the House of Commons.

(2) F16

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Textual Amendments

- F14** S. 17(1)(b) repealed by (E.W.) [Local Government Act 1966 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 27(3), [Sch. 6 Pt. II](#) and (S.) [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1966 \(c. 51\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)
- F15** Words repealed by [Fisheries Act 1955 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#) and [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1977 \(c. 18\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. IX](#)
- F16** S. 17(2) repealed by [Local Government Act 1966 \(c. 42\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. II](#); [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1966 \(c. 51\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 17: certain functions made exercisable by the National Assembly for Wales concurrently with the Secretary of State (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C5** Functions of Minister under s. 17(1) so far as relating to roads, bridges and ferries exercisable (S.) by Secretary of State: [S.I. 1955/1955 \(1955 I, p. 1205\)](#), [art. 2 Sch. 1 Pt. I](#); (W.) by Secretary of State: [S.I. 1965/319](#), [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pts. I, II](#) para. 1(1)
- C6** S. 17(1): certain functions of Minister of the Crown to be exercised by Minister of the Crown as well as by Scottish Ministers (1.7.1999) by [1998 c. 46](#), [ss. 53, 56\(1\)](#) (with [s. 126\(3\)-\(11\)](#)); [S.I. 1998/3178](#), [arts. 2, 3](#).

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Textual Amendments

- F17** S. 18 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F18** S. 19 repealed by [Transport Act 1947 \(c. 49\)](#), [Sch. 15 Pt. I](#)

20 Power to hold inquiries.

- (1) The Minister may hold such inquiries as he considers necessary or desirable for the purposes of this Act, and the Minister, and, if authorised by the Minister, the person appointed to hold any such inquiry, may by order require any person, subject to the payment or tender of the reasonable expenses of his attendance, to attend as a witness and give evidence or to produce any documents in his possession or power which relate to any matter in question at the inquiry, and are such as would be subject to production in a court of law, and, if any person fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the provisions of any such order, he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding [^{F19}level 1 on the standard scale], and the person holding the inquiry shall have power to take evidence on oath and for that purpose to administer oaths.
- (2) Notices of inquiries may be given and published in accordance with such general or special directions as the Minister may give.

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- (3) The powers of the Minister under this section shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any powers of holding inquiries transferred to him from any other Government Department under this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F19** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 289G](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** Functions of Minister under s. 20 so far as relating to functions transferred to Secretary of State exercisable by Secretary of State: (S.) [S.I. 1955/1955 \(1955 I, p. 1205\)](#), art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. I; (W.) [S.I. 1965/319](#), art. 3(1), Sch. 2 Pts. I, **II** para. 1(2)
- C8** S. 20 applied by [Bridges Act 1929 \(c. 33\)](#), [s. 9\(1\)](#), [Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933 \(c. 53\)](#), [s. 47\(1\)](#), [Transport Act 1962 \(c. 46\)](#), [s. 90\(1\)](#), [Transport Act 1968 \(c. 73\)](#), [s. 158](#) and [Land Drainage Act 1976 \(c. 70\)](#), [s. 88\(3\)](#)
- C9** S. 20 extended (E.W.) by [London Regional Transport Act 1984 \(c. 32, SIF 126\)](#), [s. 65](#)

21 **F20**

Textual Amendments

- F20** S. 21 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(c. 6\)](#)

22 **F21**

Textual Amendments

- F21** S. 22 repealed by [Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933 \(c. 53\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

23 **F22**

Textual Amendments

- F22** S. 23 repealed by [Transport Act 1947 \(c. 49\)](#), [Sch. 15, Pt. I](#)

24 **Consent of local authority.**

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as giving power to the Minister to impose any conditions upon a local authority which shall entail expenditure without consent of such local authority, . . . ^{F23}, or in Scotland [^{F24}the Secretary of State], or in Ireland the Local Government Board for Ireland.

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Textual Amendments

- F23 Words repealed by S.I. 1970/1681, Sch. 4
- F24 Words substituted by virtue of Secretaries of State Act 1926 (c. 18), s. 1

25, 26. F25

Textual Amendments

- F25 Ss. 25, 26 repealed by S.I. 1970/1681, Sch. 4

27 F26

Textual Amendments

- F26 S. 27 repealed by Ministers of the Crown Act 1937 (c. 38), Sch. 4

28 F27

Textual Amendments

- F27 S. 28 repealed by S.I. 1970/1681, Sch. 4

29 F28

Textual Amendments

- F28 S. 29 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1964 (c. 79)

30 Short title and interpretation.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Ministry of Transport Act 1919.

(2) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires.

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 The expression “tramway” includes a trackless trolley vehicle system;
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The expression “transport services by water” shall not include any transport
 service by sea . . . F29

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Textual Amendments

F29 Definitions and words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1964 \(c. 79\)](#) and S.I. 1970/1681, [Sch. 4](#)

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SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- 1 In the construction and for the purposes of any Act of Parliament, any judgement, decree, order, award, deed, contract, regulation, byelaw, or other document passed or made before the transfer to the Minister . . . ^{F30} or Secretary of State from any other Government Department of any powers or duties by or under this Act, but so far only as may be necessary for the purpose of such transfer, the name of the Minister . . . ^{F30} or Secretary of State shall be substituted for the name of the other Government Department.

(2) ^{F31}

Textual Amendments

F30 Words repealed by S.I. 1964/488, **Sch. 1 Pt. II**

F31 Sch. 1 paras. 2, 3 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), **Sch. 1 Pt. IX**

^{F32}SECOND SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F32 Sch. 2 repealed (E.W.) (N.I.) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c. 18), **Sch. 1 Pt. IX** and (S.) by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(3), **Sch. 11**

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