



Inquiries Act 2005

CHAPTER 12

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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- 1 Regulation of Railways Act 1871 (c. 78)
- 2 Ministry of Transport Act 1919 (c. 50)
- 3 Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933 (c. 53)
- 4 Agricultural Marketing Act 1958 (c. 47)
- 5 Mental Health Act 1959 (c. 72)
- 6 Transport Act 1962 (c. 46)
- 7 National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49)
- 8 Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c. 14)
- 9 Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)
- 10 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)
- 11 Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)
- 12 Children Act 1989 (c. 41)
- 13 Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13)
- 14 Police Act 1996 (c. 16)
- 15 Education Act 1996 (c. 56)
- 16 Police Act 1997 (c. 50)
- 17 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (c. 32)
- 18 Protection of Children Act 1999 (c. 14)
- 19 Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14)
- 20 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23)
- 21 (1) Section 18 of that Act (exceptions to section 17)...
- 22 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (c. 32)
- 23 Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38)
- 24 Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c. 21)

Part 2 — ACTS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

- 25 Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 5)

Part 3 — NORTHERN IRELAND LEGISLATION

- 26 Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 (c. 31 (N.I.))
- 27 Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 (c. 13 (N.I.))
- 28 Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (c. 18 (N.I.))
- 29 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14))
- 30 Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9))
- 31 Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1))
- 32 Agricultural Marketing (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12))
- 33 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3))
- 34 Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22))
- 35 Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15))
- 36 Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2))
- 37 Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1297 (N.I. 7))

- 38 Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2))
- 39 Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1504 (N.I. 9))
- 40 Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/417 (N.I. 4))
- 41 Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/439 (N.I. 11))

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals and revocations