

*These notes refer to the Inquiries Act 2005 (c.12)  
which received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005*

# **INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### ***Supplementary***

These sections create offences and also provide for the enforcement of inquiry orders by the High Court or Court of Session. They also contain provisions which will give members of an inquiry immunity from civil proceedings, place a time limit on bringing an application for judicial review (except in Scotland) and provide for the commissioning Minister to pay the costs of the inquiry panel, any assessors, any counsel and solicitor to the inquiry and anyone engaged to provide assistance to the inquiry. They also contain arrangements for payments of expenses of witnesses, including legal representation, where appropriate.