



## 2013 CHAPTER 2

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1.—(1) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly may cause an inquiry to be held under this Act (“the inquiry”).

(2) The terms of reference of the inquiry are as set out in a statement to the Assembly made by the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly on 18th October 2012.

(3) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly may at any time amend the terms of reference of the inquiry by order after consulting the chairperson if a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.

(4) The inquiry may be known as the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse 1922 to 1995.

(5) The inquiry panel—

- (a) must not rule on; and
- (b) has no power to determine,

any person's civil or criminal liability.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, Section 1.