



Acquisition of Land Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 67

PART I

GENERAL

Supplemental

5 Local inquiries.

- (1) For the purposes of the execution of his powers and duties under this Act, a Minister may cause to be held such public local inquiries as are directed by this Act and such other public local inquiries as he may think fit.
- (2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 250 of the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1972 (giving of evidence on inquiries) shall apply to a public local inquiry held in pursuance of this Act.
- (3) In relation to—
 - (a) a proposed acquisition of land by an authority other than a Minister, or
 - (b) the proposed extinction under Part VI of this Act of a right of way over land acquired or proposed to be acquired by an authority other than a Minister,subsections (4) and (5) of the said section 250 (defraying of costs of inquiries) shall apply to a public local inquiry held in pursuance of this Act.
- [^{F1}(4) In relation to each of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3), section 250(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 also applies—
 - (a) where arrangements are made for a public local inquiry to be held in England in pursuance of this Act but the inquiry does not take place;
 - (b) to the costs of a party to a public local inquiry held in England in pursuance of this Act who does not attend the inquiry.]

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 5(4) inserted (25.6.2013) by [Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 \(c. 27\)](#), **ss. 3**, 35(1); S.I. 2013/1488, **art. 3(b)** (with **art. 8(1)**)

Marginal Citations

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- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 50\(13\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 137\(6\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(4) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(1A)-(3) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(3\)](#)