



# Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 53

### *Supplementary provisions*

#### **16 Interpretation.**

(1) In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—

“decision”, “procedural rules” and “working”, in relation to a tribunal, shall be construed subject to section 14,

<sup>F1</sup> ...

[<sup>F2</sup>“enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament,]

“Minister” includes [<sup>F3</sup>the [<sup>F4</sup>Welsh Ministers] and] any Board presided over by a Minister,

[<sup>F5</sup>“Northern Ireland devolved provision” means provision which could be made by an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly without the consent of the Secretary of State (see sections 6 to 8 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998),]

<sup>F6</sup> ...

“statutory inquiry” means—

(a) an inquiry or hearing held or to be held in pursuance of a duty imposed by any statutory provision, or

(b) an inquiry or hearing, or an inquiry or hearing of a class, designated for the purposes of this section by an order under subsection (2), and

“statutory provision” means a provision contained in, or having effect under, any enactment,

<sup>F7</sup> ...

(2) The Lord Chancellor <sup>F8</sup> . . . may by order designate for the purposes of this section any inquiry or hearing held or to be held in pursuance of a power conferred by any statutory provision specified or described in the order, or any class of such inquiries or hearings.

[<sup>F9</sup>(2A) In relation to inquiries or hearings held or to be held in Northern Ireland, the power to make an order under subsection (2) is exercisable by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland (and not by any Minister of the Crown) so far as the power may be

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used to make Northern Ireland devolved provision; and subsection (2) is to be read accordingly.]

- (3) References in this Act to members of tribunals include references to the person constituting a tribunal consisting of one person.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 16 omitted (19.9.2013) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2042\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 13\(a\)](#)
- F2** S. 16(1): definition of "enactment" inserted (1.11.2007) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 48(1), 148(5), [Sch. 8 para. 30\(b\)](#); S.I. 2007/2709, [art. 3\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- F3** S. 16(1): words in the definition of "Minister" inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, [Sch. 12 para. 33](#) (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, [art. 2](#)
- F4** Words in s. 16(1) substituted by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 160(1), [Sch. 10 para. 38](#) (with [Sch. 11 para. 22](#)) (the amending provision coming into force immediately after the 2007 election (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of the initial period (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act)
- F5** S. 16(1): definition of "Northern Ireland devolved provision" inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 15(5), [Sch. 18 para. 48\(6\)](#) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- F6** Words in s. 16 omitted (19.9.2013) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2042\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 13\(b\)](#)
- F7** Words in s. 16 omitted (19.9.2013) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2042\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 13\(c\)](#)
- F8** Words in s. 16(2) omitted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 6(1), [Sch. 5 para. 11](#); S.I. 1998/3178, [art. 3](#)
- F9** S. 16(2A) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 15(5), [Sch. 18 para. 48\(7\)](#) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 16(2): transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 7); S.I. 1998/3178, [art. 3](#)

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