

*These notes refer to the Inquiries Act 2005 (c.12)
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INQUIRIES ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Constitution of Inquiry

Section 13: Power to suspend inquiry

25. An inquiry may be one of a number of investigations into a particular matter. Often, the respective timing of these is very important; for example, to ensure that an inquiry does not prejudice a criminal prosecution. The results of other investigations may also inform the inquiry and help prevent duplication.
26. In the event that new investigations or proceedings come to light or are commenced after the inquiry has started, it may be necessary to halt the inquiry temporarily. This section sets out the circumstances in which a Minister may, after consulting the chairman, suspend an inquiry to allow other proceedings to be completed.