STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007

Representation of government departments at inquiry

13.—(1) Where a government department (other than the department of a Minister who is the acquiring authority) has made a statement or representation in writing in support of the order or the draft order and the acquiring authority has included that statement in its statement of case, a representative of the department concerned shall be made available to attend the inquiry.

(2) Such a representative shall at the inquiry state the reasons for the view expressed by his department and shall give evidence and be subject to cross-examination to the same extent as any other witness.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) shall require a representative of a government department to answer any question which in the opinion of the inspector is directed to the merits of government policy.