

Inquiries Act

CHAPTER I-11

An Act respecting public and departmental inquiries

SHORT TITLE

[Short title](#)

1. This Act may be cited as the *Inquiries Act*.

R.S., c. I-13, s. 1.

PART I PUBLIC INQUIRIES

[Inquiry](#)

2. The Governor in Council may, whenever the Governor in Council deems it expedient, cause inquiry to be made into and concerning any matter connected with the good government of Canada or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof.

R.S., c. I-13, s. 2.

[Appointment of commissioners](#)

3. Where an inquiry as described in section 2 is not regulated by any special law, the Governor in Council may, by a commission, appoint persons as commissioners by whom the inquiry shall be conducted.

R.S., c. I-13, s. 3.

[Powers of commissioners concerning evidence](#)

4. The commissioners have the power of summoning before them any witnesses, and of requiring them to

(a) give evidence, orally or in writing, and on oath or, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters on solemn affirmation; and

(b) produce such documents and things as the commissioners deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are appointed to examine.

R.S., c. I-13, s. 4.

[Idem, enforcement](#)

5. The commissioners have the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any court of record in civil cases.

R.S., c. I-13, s. 5.