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An Act to enable the President to appoint a commission of inquiry and to enable the relevant Minister to appoint a committee of inquiry, and to provide for matters related thereto.

[1 November 2007]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Inquiries Act 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointing authority”, in relation to a commission of inquiry, means the President and, in relation to a committee of inquiry, means the Minister who appointed the committee of inquiry under section 9 and includes his or her successor in office;

“commission” or “commission of inquiry” means any commission of inquiry appointed by the President under section 3, and includes the members of the commission, or a quorum of the members, or the sole member, sitting for the purposes of the inquiry;

“committee” or “committee of inquiry” means any committee of inquiry appointed by the Minister under section 9, and includes the members of the committee, or a quorum of the members, or the sole member, sitting for the purposes of the inquiry;

“inquiry body” means a commission of inquiry or a committee of inquiry, and includes the members of such commission of inquiry or committee of inquiry, or a quorum of the members, or the sole member, sitting for the purposes of the inquiry;

“member” means a member of any commission of inquiry or committee of inquiry (as the case may be) and includes the chairperson of such commission or committee;

“Minister”, in relation to a committee of inquiry, means the Minister who appointed the committee of inquiry under section 9 and includes the Minister’s successor in office;

“terms of reference”, in relation to an inquiry body, means the terms of reference issued to the inquiry body under section 3(2) or 9(2) (as the case may be) and includes any modification made to the terms of reference under section 3(3) or 9(3).

PART 2

COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY

Power to issue commissions

3.—(1) The President may, whenever the President considers it expedient to do so, issue a commission appointing one or more commissioners and authorising such commissioners, or any quorum of them mentioned in the commission, to inquire into —

- (a) the conduct of any officer or officers in the public service of Singapore;
- (b) the conduct or management of any department of the public service or any public or local institution; or
- (c) any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare or in the public interest.

(2) The commission issued by the President must specify the subject of the inquiry and, at the discretion of the President, may —

- (a) specify any particular matters as to which the commissioners are to determine the facts;