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CHAPTER 102
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT

[Date of assent: 28th May, 1962.]

[Date of commencement: 12th June, 1962.]

An Act of parliament to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to inquire into and report on matters of a public nature referred to them by the President, to prescribe their powers, privileges and duties, and to provide for other matters relating thereto

[Act No. 11 of 1962, L.N. 2/1964, L.N. 124/1964, Act No. 21 of 1966, Act No. 29 of 1967,
Act No. 5 of 2010.]

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Commissions of Inquiry Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“**commission**”, “**commissioner**” and “**inquiry**” mean respectively a commission issued, a commissioner appointed and an inquiry made under this Act.

3. Issue of commissions of inquiry

(1) The President, whenever he considers it advisable so to do, may issue a commission under this Act appointing a commissioner or commissioners and authorizing him or them, or any specified quorum of them, to inquire into the conduct of any public officer or the conduct or management of any public body, or into any matter into which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be in the public interest.

(2) Every commission shall specify the matter to be inquired into, and shall direct where and when the inquiry shall be made and the report thereof rendered, and, where more commissioners than one are appointed, the commission may designate one such commissioner to be chairman, and, if the President so thinks fit, another such commissioner to be deputy chairman, of the commissioners.

(3) Without prejudice to any regulations made under section 18 of this Act, every commission shall direct how the commission shall be executed and, in particular, shall in a suitable case contain the following directions to be observed by the commissioner—

- (a) that the commissioner shall conform with the following instructions—
 - (i) that evidence adversely affecting the reputation of any person, or tending to reflect in any way upon the character or conduct of any person, shall not be received unless the commissioner is satisfied it is relevant to the inquiry, and that all reasonable efforts have been made to give such person prior warning of