Inquiry Commissions (Amendment) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to amend the Inquiry Commissions Ordinance (Chapter 52 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows:—

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Inquiry Commissions (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961.

Amendment of section 7

- **2.** Section 7 of the Inquiry Commissions Ordinance (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the "principal Ordinance") is hereby amended
 - (a) by inserting immediately after the word "examine" appearing at the end of paragraph (a) thereof the words "and to determine the order in which such witnesses shall be examined";
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (e) thereof; and
 - (c) by re-lettering paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) thereof as paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) respectively.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 12

3. Section 12 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

"Definition of contempt

- **12.** Any person who
 - (a) offers any act of disrespect or any insult or threat to the Commissioners or any of them while sitting in Commission;
 - (b) offers any act of disrespect or any insult or threat to a Commissioner at any other time and place on account of his proceedings in his capacity as a Commissioner; or
 - (c) being required by the Commissioners to give evidence on oath or affirmation or to produce a document or other thing, refuses to do so,

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shall be guilty of contempt.".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 13