

I assent.

(L.S.)

PAUL XUEREB
Acting President

3rd March, 1989

ACT No. V of 1989

AN ACT to amend the Inquiries Act, 1977.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Inquiries (Amendment) Act, 1989 and shall be read and construed as one with the Inquiries Act, 1977, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”. Short title.
Act No. XIX
of 1977.

2. In section 2 of the principal Act, immediately after the words “statutory body” means any corporation or other body corporate established by law” there shall be added the following “or any partnership or other body in which the Government or such body as aforesaid have a controlling interest, or over which they have effective control”. Amendment
of section 2
of the
principal
Act.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of
section 4
of the
principal Act.

(a) subsection (2) thereof shall be renumbered (4); and

(b) immediately after subsection (1) thereof there shall be inserted the following new subsections:

“(2) Where a board consists of three persons or more, this shall be composed of a chairman together with such number of other members in an even number as the person appointing the board may deem fit; and where the total number of the members composing the board is more than three, one of the members of the board other than the chairman shall be appointed by the person appointing the board as deputy chairman and shall preside at the meetings of the board in the absence of the chairman.

(3) The quorum of the board shall consist of the chairman, or in the absence of the chairman the deputy chairman, together with such other members being not less than half the number of members other than the chairman, composing the board.”.

Amendment of
section 5
of the
principal Act.

4. In subsection (1) of section 5 of the principal Act, for the words “chairman or member of any board” there shall be substituted the words “chairman or deputy chairman as the case may be, or member of any board”.

Amendment of
section 6
of the
principal Act.

5. Section 6 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) thereof, for the words “through its chairman” there shall be substituted the words “through its chairman or deputy chairman as the case may be.”; and

(b) in subsection (4) thereof, for the words “shall be liable on conviction to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding fifty pounds:” there shall be substituted the words “shall be liable on conviction to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding five hundred Maltese liri or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both fine and imprisonment:”.

Amendment of
Schedule to
the principal
Act.

6. The Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in Form A thereof, for the words “taken by Chairman or member of Board” and “having been appointed to be Chairman/Member of ” there shall be respectively substituted the words “taken by chairman, deputy chairman or member of Board” and “having been appointed to be Chairman/Deputy Chairman/Member of”; and

(b) in Form B thereof, for the words “(Signature of Chairman or other member)” there shall be substituted the words “Signature of Chairman, Deputy Chairman or other Member”.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 203 of the 27th February, 1989.

LAWRENCE GONZI
Speaker

P. MUSCAT TERRIBILE
Clerk to the House of Representatives