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TO

Make provision for the holding of an inquiry into the Iraq war.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Duty to establish inquiry**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall cause an inquiry to be held under the Inquiries Act 2005 (c. 12) in relation to the participation of the United Kingdom in the war in Iraq which began in 2003.
- (2) The inquiry shall be known as the Iraq War Inquiry. 5

**2 Terms of reference**

The terms of reference for the inquiry shall be to conduct an investigation into the—

- (a) origins,  
(b) inception, 10  
(c) legality, and  
(d) subsequent conduct,  
of the Iraq war.

**3 Commencement of inquiry**

The Inquiry shall commence as soon as practicable and, in any case, not later than the first day of the Parliamentary session which follows the passing of this Act. 15

**4 Reports**

- (1) A report of the inquiry shall be published in accordance with section 25 of the Inquiries Act 2005 (publication of reports), save that subsection (4)(b) of that section shall not apply. 20

- (2) The report under subsection (1) shall be laid before Parliament no later than one year after the commencement of the inquiry.
- (3) The chairman may publish interim reports.

**5 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Iraq War Inquiry Act 2008.

# Iraq War Inquiry Bill [HL]

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*Lord McNally*

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