

By Order in Council P.C. 4797 passed the 2nd of July, 1941, the Minister was empowered to appoint investigators, substantially on the same terms as contained in this new proposed section.

Various occasions arise when it is expedient and in the national interest that an investigation be made into matters relating to or incidental to a contract for the manufacture or production of munitions of war or supplies or for the construction or carrying out of defence projects, and it is considered desirable that the Minister should have the powers contained in the new proposed section.

To insure that the title to machinery, machine tools, equipment and buildings constructed or acquired with Crown funds shall vest in the Crown free and clear from all claims, liens, charges or encumbrances of any third parties, it is considered desirable and in the national interest that the said Act should be amended to include this proposed section in order to protect the interests of the Crown.