

Inquiries and Tribunals

Magisterial Inquiries (In Genere) (art 546 Cap 9

Inquiries under Inquiries Act 1977 Cap 273

In Genere (investigation crimes more than 3 yrs imprisonment . Before 2006 only Police or A G could request Duty Magistrate to hold inquiry. Now any person can request it but one can appeal to Criminal Court. Once inquiry concluded sent to AG who ultimately decides whether to prosecute or not. Under art 469B Ch 12 one can challenge the decision of AG not to prosecute

INQUIRIES : only on actions of public officers. Can be ordered by Pm for actions in general by Minister as to own department.

Administrative Tribunals and ART

Like a court a tribunal decides a dispute e.g. Rent Regulation Board, Rural Leases Control Board, Industrial Tribunal

Independent from Administration- even if appointed by Govt.

Permanent existence established by law

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL

Original purpose was to gradually absorb all the different tribunals

This process was stopped in 2013.

In 2016, it was prevented from deciding art 469a cases.

Today it is an organ of appellate jurisdiction from decisions of public corp. such as the Lands Authority or the Authority for transport in Malta