

# Public inquiries in numbers, 1990–2017

There have been

# 68

public inquiries since 1990. In the 30 years before, there were only 19.

These have covered issues as varied as assassinations, media ethics and decisions to go to war.

A typical public inquiry takes

# 2.5

years to publish a final report.

The Chilcot Inquiry took seven years to complete, while the Bloody Sunday Inquiry took 12 years from start to finish.

Central and devolved governments have spent more than

# £639m

on public inquiries.

Since 1990,

# only 6

public inquiries have received full scrutiny by a select committee, to hold government to account for what it has done with these recommendations.

Since 1990, 45 public inquiries have made a total of

# 2,625

recommendations for change.

The Mid Staffordshire Inquiry made 290 recommendations.

