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Title of Royal Commission	Date appointed	Date of report	Time taken to report (months)
Justices of the Peace	June 1946	May 1948	23
The Press	April 1947	June 1949	26
Betting, Lotteries and Gaming	April 1949	March 1951	23
Capital Punishment	May 1949	September 1953	52
Taxation of Profits and Income	January 1951	May 1955	52
University Education in Dundee	March 1951	April 1952	13
Marriage and Divorce	September 1951	December 1955	51
Scottish Affairs	July 1952	July 1954	24
East Africa	January 1953	May 1955	28
The Civil Service	November 1953	November 1955	24
The Law Relating to Mental Illness & Mental Deficiency	February 1954	May 1957	39
Common Land	December 1955	July 1958	31
Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration	March 1957	February 1960	35
Local Government in Greater London	December 1957	October 1960	34
The Police	January 1960	April 1962	27
The Press	March 1961	May 1962	14

The Penal System in England and Wales	July 1964	-	
Reform of the Trade Unions and Employers' Associations	April 1965	June 1968	38
Medical Education	June 1965	March 1968	33
Tribunals of Inquiry	February 1966	November 1966	9
The Examination of Assizes and Quarter Sessions	November 1966	September 1969	34
Local Government, England	May 1966	June 1969	37
Local Government, Scotland	May 1966	September 1969	40
The Constitution	April 1969	October 1973	54
Civil Liability and Compensation	March 1973	March 1978	60
The Press	June 1974	July 1977	37
Standards of Conduct in Government	July 1974	July 1976	24
Gambling	February 1976	July 1978	29
National Health Service	May 1976	July 1979	38
Legal Services	July 1976	October 1979	39
Criminal Procedures	December 1977	January 1981	37
Criminal Justice	June 1991	July 1993	25
Care of the Aged	December 1997	March 1999	15
Reform of the House of Lords	February 1999	January 2000	11

Source: David Butler and Gareth Butler, *British Political Facts*, 2010, pp 356–7.