

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 5.

DISQUALIFICATION FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

1. The following persons are disqualified from being appointed or serving as Panel members—

- (a) a member of the Assembly;
- (b) a family member of a member of the Assembly;
- (c) a candidate for election to the Assembly;
- (d) a former member of the Assembly;
- (e) a member of the European Parliament, the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives of Ireland) or the Seanad Éireann (Senate of Ireland);
- (f) a councillor;
- (g) a person employed by a political party;
- (h) a person employed by a member of the Assembly;
- (i) a member of the staff of the Assembly;
- (j) a former member of the staff of the Assembly;
- (k) a person employed by a Northern Ireland department;
- (l) a person who has been employed by a Northern Ireland department at any time in the two years prior to the date when the appointment is to take effect;
- (m) a person employed by a district council;
- (n) a person who has been employed by a district council at any time in the two years prior to the date when the appointment is to take effect;
- (o) the Northern Ireland Assembly Commissioner for Standards;
- (p) the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland;
- (q) the Attorney General for Northern Ireland; and
- (r) a person who has been the Attorney General for Northern Ireland at any time in the 5 years prior to the date when the appointment is to take effect.

2. For the purposes of paragraph 1(c), a person becomes a candidate for election to the Assembly on the day on which that person becomes a candidate within the

meaning of section 118A(1) and (2) of the [Representation of the People Act 1983 \(c. 2\)](#) as applied to the Assembly by Article 3 of the [Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections\) Order 2001 \(SI 2001/2599\)](#).

3. In this Schedule—

“civil partner” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#);

“cohabitant” means either member of a couple consisting of—

- (a) a man and a woman who are living together as if they were husband and wife; or
- (b) two persons of the same sex who are living together as if they were civil partners;

“councillor” means a member of a district council;

“family member” means—

- (a) parent, child, grandparent or grandchild;
- (b) brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece (whether of the full or half blood);
- (c) spouse or any person related to a spouse in any of the ways set out in subparagraphs (a) or (b);
- (d) civil partner or any person related to a civil partner in any of the ways set out in sub-paragraphs (a) or (b); and
- (e) cohabitant or any person related to a cohabitant in any of the ways set out in sub-paragraphs (a) or (b); and

“political party” means a party registered under Part 2 of the [Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 \(c. 41\)](#).