

SCHEDULES

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TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND SAVINGS

Assistance under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996

- 13 (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for any provision of Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (homelessness) to have effect in relation to section 185(2) persons, during the interim period, with such modifications as may be specified in the order.
- (2) An order under this paragraph may, in particular, include provision—
- (a) for the referral of section 185(2) persons by one local housing authority to another by agreement between the authorities;
 - (b) as to the suitability of accommodation for such persons;
 - (c) as to out-of-area placements of such persons.
- (3) “Interim period” means the period beginning with the passing of this Act and ending on the coming into force of the repeal of section 186 of the Act of 1996 (asylum-seekers and their dependants) by this Act (as to which see section 117(5)).
- (4) “Local housing authority” has the same meaning as in the Act of 1996.
- (5) “Section 185(2) person” means a person who—
- (a) is eligible for housing assistance under Part VII of the Act of 1996 as a result of regulations made under section 185(2) of that Act; and
 - (b) is not made ineligible by section 186 (or any other provision) of that Act.
- (6) The fact that an order may be made under this paragraph only in respect of the interim period does not prevent it from containing provisions of a kind authorised under section 166(3)(a) which are to have continuing effect after the end of that period.