



Immigration Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 22

PART 1

REMOVAL AND OTHER POWERS

Removal

3 Independent Family Returns Panel

Before section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009, insert—

“54A Independent Family Returns Panel

- (1) The Independent Family Returns Panel is established.
- (2) The Secretary of State must consult the Independent Family Returns Panel—
 - (a) in each family returns case, on how best to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children of the family, and
 - (b) in each case where the Secretary of State proposes to detain a family in pre-departure accommodation, on the suitability of so doing, having particular regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children of the family.
- (3) A family returns case is a case where—
 - (a) a child who is living in the United Kingdom is to be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) an individual who—
 - (i) is a parent of the child or has care of the child, and
 - (ii) is living in a household in the United Kingdom with the child,is also to be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about—
 - (a) additional functions of the Independent Family Returns Panel,

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- (b) its status and constitution,
 - (c) the appointment of its members,
 - (d) the payment of remuneration and allowances to its members, and
 - (e) any other matters in connection with its establishment and operation.
- (5) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) An instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) In this section—
- “child” means a person who is under the age of 18;
 - “pre-departure accommodation” has the same meaning as in Part 8 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
 - references to a person being removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom are to the person being removed or required to leave in accordance with a provision of the Immigration Acts.”