



2016 CHAPTER 18

PART 15

SUPPLEMENTARY

*Panels*

**Panels constituted to decide applications: general provision**

**297.**—(1) In this section “panel” means a panel constituted under—

- (a) Schedule 1 (applications for authorisation);
- (b) Schedule 3 (applications for extension of period of authorisation);
- (c) Schedule 6 (applications for extension of period of public protection order without restrictions).

(2) A panel must have 3 members (all of whom must be present during any proceedings of the panel).

(3) Regulations may make further provision about the membership or procedure of panels, including—

- (a) provision requiring panels to give prescribed persons the opportunity to make representations;
- (b) provision enabling a panel to request prescribed persons to provide information to the panel or attend before the panel to give oral evidence;
- (c) provision about steps that a panel is, or is not, to be regarded as required by section 7 to take where it has to make a determination of what would be in a person’s best interests;
- (d) provision for cases where a panel cannot reach a unanimous decision.

- (4) The Department may by regulations amend any of the following—
- (a) the definition of “the permitted period” in paragraph 19(2) of Schedule 1;
  - (b) any period mentioned in paragraph 20(2)(b) or (3)(b) of that Schedule;
  - (c) the definition of “the permitted period” in paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 3;
  - (d) the definition of “the permitted period” in paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 6.