

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Specialisation schemes

- 6 (1) It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee—
- (a) to consider whether specialisation schemes should be established by any representative body in any particular area of legal services; and
 - (b) to keep under review specialisation schemes maintained by representative bodies.
- (2) In this paragraph—
- “representative body” means a professional or other body which represents persons (whether or not barristers or solicitors) who offer to provide legal services; and
 - “a specialisation scheme”, in relation to any representative body, means a scheme for recognising those members of the body who—
 - (a) have undergone training relevant to the area of legal services to which the scheme relates;
 - (b) have acquired expertise in that area; and
 - (c) specialise in providing legal services in that area.
- (3) Where the Advisory Committee considers that any specialisation scheme should be established it shall make the appropriate recommendation to the representative body concerned.
- (4) The Advisory Committee shall give to the representative body concerned such advice (if any) as it considers appropriate with respect to any specialisation scheme maintained by that body.
- (5) The Advisory Committee shall consider any proposed specialisation scheme which is referred to it by the representative body which proposes to establish it.
- (6) Where the Advisory Committee has considered any such proposed scheme, it shall give such advice (if any) to the representative body concerned as it considers appropriate.
- (7) In considering any such proposed scheme, the Advisory Committee shall have regard, in particular, to—
- (a) the basis on which, and method by which, members of the representative body are chosen to participate in the scheme;
 - (b) the education, training and experience which are required in order for any person to provide the legal services in question at a satisfactory standard;
 - (c) whether that body is likely to be able to ensure that those requirements will be complied with in relation to members of the scheme; and

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- (d) whether that body is likely to be able to maintain and enforce satisfactory standards of conduct on the part of those who are members of the scheme.