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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Independent Review of Determinations  
(Adoption and Fostering) Regulations 2009

PART 2

PANELS

**Appointment of panel chair**

9. The Secretary of State shall—
- (a) appoint to chair the panel one of the members of the panel who has the skills and experience necessary for chairing a panel; and
  - (b) in the case of a panel constituted to review an adoption suitability determination or a fostering determination, appoint one of the members of the panel as vice chair to act as chair if the person appointed to chair the panel is absent or if the office of chair is vacant.