



Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 41

PART II

LEGAL SERVICES

[^{F1} The Legal Services Consultative Panel]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 18A and crossheading preceding it inserted (1.1.2000) by 1999 c. 22, s. 35(2) (with Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); S.I. 1999/3344, art. 2(a)

^{F2}18A The Consultative Panel.

- (1) The [^{F3}Secretary of State] shall appoint persons to form a panel to be known as the Legal Services Consultative Panel.
- (2) In appointing persons to the Consultative Panel the [^{F3}Secretary of State] shall have regard to the desirability of securing that the Consultative Panel includes persons who (between them) have experience in or knowledge of—
 - (a) the provision of legal services;
 - (b) the lay advice sector;
 - (c) civil or criminal proceedings and the working of the courts;
 - (d) legal education and training;
 - (e) the maintenance of the professional standards of persons who provide legal services;
 - (f) the maintenance of standards in professions other than the legal profession;
 - (g) consumer affairs;
 - (h) commercial affairs; and
 - (i) social conditions.
- (3) The Consultative Panel shall have—

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- (a) the duty of assisting in the maintenance and development of standards in the education, training and conduct of persons offering legal services by considering relevant issues in accordance with a programme of work approved by the [F³Secretary of State] and, where the Consultative Panel considers it appropriate to do so, making recommendations to him;
 - (b) the duty of providing to the [F³Secretary of State] , at his request, advice about particular matters relating to any aspect of the provision of legal services (including the education, training and conduct of persons offering legal services); and
 - (c) the functions conferred or imposed on it by other provisions of this Act or any other enactment.
- (4) The Consultative Panel may, in performance of the duty in subsection (3)(a), seek information from or give advice to any body or person.
- (5) The [F³Secretary of State] shall publish—
- (a) any recommendations made to him by the Consultative Panel in performance of the duty in paragraph (a) of subsection (3); and
 - (b) any advice provided to him by the Consultative Panel in performance of the duty in paragraph (b) of that subsection.
- (6) The [F³Secretary of State] shall consider any recommendations made to him by the Consultative Panel in performance of the duty in subsection (3)(a).
- (7) The [F³Secretary of State]—
- (a) shall make available to the Consultative Panel appropriate administrative support; and
 - (b) may pay to any of the persons forming it any such allowances, and make any such reimbursement of expenses, as he considers appropriate.
- (8) For the purposes of the law of defamation the publication of any advice by the Consultative Panel in the exercise of any of its functions shall be absolutely privileged.

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F3 Words in s. 18A substituted (19.8.2003) by The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 8(1)(a) (with arts. 6, 8)

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