



Criminal Justice Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 53

PART II

EARLY RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Preliminary

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- (1) There shall continue to be a body to be known as the Parole Board (“the Board”) which shall discharge the functions conferred on it by this Part.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Board to advise the Secretary of State with respect to any matter referred to it by him which is connected with the early release or recall of prisoners.
- (3) The Board shall deal with cases as respects which it makes recommendations under this Part on consideration of—
 - (a) any documents given to it by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) any other oral or written information obtained by it,and if in any particular case the Board thinks it necessary to interview the person to whom the case relates before reaching a decision, the Board may authorise one of its members to interview him and shall consider the report of the interview made by that member.
- (4) The Board shall deal with cases as respects which it gives directions under this Part on consideration of all such evidence as may be adduced before it.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsections (3) and (4) above, the Secretary of State may make rules with respect to the proceedings of the Board, including provision authorising cases to be dealt with by a prescribed number of its members or requiring cases to be dealt with at prescribed times.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) The Secretary of State may also give to the Board directions as to the matters to be taken into account by it in discharging any functions under this Part; and in giving any such directions the Secretary of State shall in particular have regard to—
- (a) the need to protect the public from serious harm from offenders; and
 - (b) the desirability of preventing the commission by them of further offences and of securing their rehabilitation.
- (7) Schedule 5 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the Board.