



Adoption and Children Act 2002

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PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS

General

109 **Avoiding delay**

- (1) In proceedings in which a question may arise as to whether an adoption order or placement order should be made, or any other question with respect to such an order, the court must (in the light of any rules made by virtue of subsection (2))—
 - (a) draw up a timetable with a view to determining such a question without delay, and
 - (b) give such directions as it considers appropriate for the purpose of ensuring that the timetable is adhered to.
- (2) Rules may—
 - (a) prescribe periods within which prescribed steps must be taken in relation to such proceedings, and
 - (b) make other provision with respect to such proceedings for the purpose of ensuring that such questions are determined without delay.