

Expenses

8. The Department may defray the expenses of the Board to such amount as the Department may determine.

Funding

9.—(1) The Executive Office may make to the Department grants of such amounts as the Executive Office determines for the purpose of funding—

- (a) the costs of exercising the administrative functions of the Board;
- (b) the payment of victims' payments and lump sums, and
- (c) the reimbursing of expenses under regulation 51.

(2) The Board must pay to the Executive Office all sums received by it in the course of, or in connection with, the exercise of the Board's functions.

(3) But sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to such sums, or sums of such description, as the Executive Office may direct with the approval of the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland.

(4) Any sums received by the Executive Office under this paragraph must be paid into the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland.

Seal

10. The application of the seal of the Board must be authenticated—

- (a) by the signature of the President, or
- (b) by the signature of a person who is authorised under paragraph 5(4) for that purpose.

Evidence

11.—(1) A document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Board and to be duly executed under the Board's seal or signed by or on behalf of the Board is to be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, taken to be such an instrument.

(2) The Board may administer oaths for the purposes of these Regulations.

Panels

12.—(1) A panel other than an appeal panel or a review panel must be constituted to consist of—

- (a) one legal member, or
- (b) three members, including at least one legal member and one ordinary member.

(2) A panel must be constituted in accordance with paragraph (1)(b) if the panel is to make a decision or determination under regulations 5(5), 6(2) or (3), 9(4)(b), 10(4) or 20(3).

(3) Where a panel has been constituted in accordance with paragraph (1)(a), the President may appoint further members such that the panel is constituted in accordance with paragraph (1)(b).

(4) Where a panel consists of one legal member, that member is chair.

(5) Where a panel consists of three members—

- (a) if the panel includes the President of the Board, the President is the chair of the panel;
- (b) in any other case, the President must appoint a legal member as the chair.

(6) A determination or decision of a panel is the determination or decision of the majority of the members of the panel.

(7) The functions of a panel consisting of one legal member may, where and to the extent the President considers it appropriate, be exercised by a member of staff provided under paragraph 7.