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The Public Bodies (Abolition of Victims' Advisory Panel) Order 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1), 6(1) and (5) and 35(2) of the Public Bodies Act 2011(**a**) ("the Act").

In accordance with section 8 of the Act, the Secretary of State considers that this Order—

(a) serves the purpose of improving the exercise of public functions, having had regard to the factors set out in section 8(1); and

(b) does not remove any necessary protection or prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which that person might reasonably expect to continue to exercise.

The Secretary of State has consulted in accordance with section 10 of the Act.

A draft of this Order, and an explanatory document containing the information required by section 11(2) of the Act, have been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 11(1) after the end of the period of twelve weeks mentioned in section 11(3). In accordance with section 11(4) of the Act, the draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament after the expiry of the 40-day period referred to in that provision.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Bodies (Abolition of Victims' Advisory Panel) Order 2013.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) Article 2(3) comes into force on the day after that on which the other provisions of this Order come into force.

(**a**) 2011 c. 24.

(4) Repeals and amendments made by this Order have the same extent as the provisions repealed or amended.

Abolition of Victims' Advisory Panel

2.—(1) The Victims' Advisory Panel, established under section 55 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004(**a**), is abolished.

(2) In consequence of paragraph (1)—

(a) in Schedule 2 (departments etc subject to investigation) to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967(**b**), the entry "Victims Advisory Panel." is repealed;

(b) section 55 (Victims' Advisory Panel) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and the cross-heading that precedes it are repealed;

(c) in paragraph 10 of the Schedule (consequential amendments) to the Secretary of State for Justice Order 2007(**c**)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (2), for "53, 54 and 55(1) to (6)" substitute "53 and 54";

(ii) in sub-paragraph (3), for "53, 54 and 55" substitute "53 and 54";

(d) in section 142 (Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009(**d**), subsection (5) is repealed.

(3) In Schedule 1 to the Public Bodies Act 2011(**e**) (power to abolish: bodies and offices), the entry "Victims' Advisory Panel." is repealed.

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

Date

(**a**) 2004 c. 28; section 55 was amended by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), section 142(1) and (5), and S.I. 2007/2128.
(**b**) 1967 c. 13; Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 2011/2986.
(**c**) S.I. 2007/2128.
(**d**) 2009 c. 25.
(**e**) Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 2012/964, S.I. 2012/1206, S.I. 2012/1923, S.I. 2012/2007, S.I. 2012/2398, S.I. 2012/2401, S.I. 2012/2406, S.I. 2012/2407 and S.I. 2012/2654.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order abolishes the Victims' Advisory Panel ("the VAP"), which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Public Bodies Act 2011 ("the 2011" Act).

The VAP was established by section 55 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. All of the VAP's functions are abolished by this Order.

Article 2(2) repeals and amends provisions in consequence of the abolition of the VAP.

Article 2(3) repeals the entry for the VAP in Schedule 1 to the 2011 Act.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order as its effects are unlikely to impact on businesses, civil society or on regulatory matters. There is no impact on staff and costs/benefits to the public sector will not exceed £5 million per annum.

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