

Establishment of Classification Review Panel

21. There is hereby established an independent review panel to be known as the Classification Review Panel.

Functions of Panel

22. (1) The Panel must –
- (a) conduct, on own volition, the application of the classification manual contemplated in section 13(4) in all organs of state;
 - (b) receive, all reports of ten year reviews on the status of all classified information conducted by the organs of state;
 - (c) receive, once a year, all reviews on status of classified information conducted by the organs of state during the course of the said financial year;
 - (d) report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence established in terms of the Intelligence Services Oversight Act ,1994(Act No. 40 of 1994) annually or as and when it is required.
- (2) The Panel may, with the concurrence of the Minister, make rules not in conflict with this Act for matters relating to the proper performance of the functions of the Panel, including-
- (a) time periods within which reports by the heads of organ of state must be submitted;
 - (b) information to be supplied when a report is submitted;
 - (c) procedures regarding the deliberations and the conduct of work of the Panel.

Members of Panel

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- (1) The Panel consists of not more than five members appointed by the Minister for the period determined by him or her.
- (2) The members of the Panel must comprise persons with suitable qualification or experience in law and must have an understanding of national security and related matters.
- (3) Each member of the Panel must-
 - (a) be a citizen of the Republic who is ordinarily resident therein;
 - (b) be committed to the purposes and principles enunciated in this Act; and
 - (c) be available to fulfil his or her role.