

## PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE

### Functions of Classification Review Panel

26. (1) The Classification Review Panel must—
- (a) review and oversee status reviews, classifications and declassifications contemplated in this Act;
  - (b) receive all reports of 10 year reviews on the status of all classified information conducted by the organs of state; **[and]**
  - (c) receive, once a year, all reviews on status of classified information conducted by the organs of state during the course of a financial year;
  - (d) monitor the national protection information policies and programmes carried out by organs of state;
  - (e) carry out of regular reviews of classified information;
  - (f) identify and explore the best departmental practices;
  - (g) develop education materials and [the running of] conduct training and awareness programmes;
  - (h) create pilot projects to develop new methodologies to facilitate streamlined programmes; and
  - (i) explore the use of technology to facilitate the declassification process.<sup>1</sup>
- [(h) supply of annual reports to the Minister];**

### Responsibilities of Agency

- [30.] 41 (1)** The Agency is responsible for ensuring implementation of protection of information practices and programs in terms of this Act in all organs of state and government entities, including—
- (a) on-site inspections and reviews for the purposes of monitoring the protection

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<sup>1</sup> Functions transferred from clause 30

of information programs;

(b) provision of expert support and advice to—

- (i) organs of state which require assistance in the handling of requests for the review of the status of classified and designated information;
- (ii) Ministers who require assistance in the determination of appeals in terms of section 25.

(2) The Agency must provide the following guidance and support to organs of state, excluding the South African Police Service and the South African National Defence Force:

- (a) Development, coordination, support and facilitation of the implementation of national policies in an efficient, cost-effective and consistent manner across all organs of state;
- (b) promotion of partnerships with organs of state and the enhancement of cooperation between different departments;
- (c) provision of expert support and advice to organs of state which require assistance in the classification and declassification of information