## **CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Part 8 - Pre-Hearing Panel

Section 80 – Determination of matter referred under section 79

113. This section places a duty on the Principal Reporter to arrange a Pre-Hearing Panel so that the hearing can decide on the matters referred under section 79. Subsection (2) provides that the Pre-Hearing Panel must be arranged before the Children's Hearing. Subsection (3) provides that if it is not possible for the reporter to arrange a Pre-Hearing Panel for a date before the Children's Hearing as required by subsection (2), the Children's Hearing must determine the matters referred at the beginning of the hearing.