#### SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# The Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) Rules 2006

### **PART III**

## MANAGEMENT POWERS OF TRIBUNALS

#### **Preliminary matters**

- 13.—(1) A convener or, at the start of a hearing, the Tribunal may, either on the application of a party or on their own initiative, consider and determine any preliminary or incidental issue arising from a reference which must be determined prior to the substantive hearing of the reference, and which cannot be determined by the giving of directions under rule 15.
- (2) Before any such issue is determined by a convener or the Tribunal, the convener or the Tribunal may direct that the Secretary gives—
  - (a) notice to the parties giving them an opportunity to submit representations in writing within a specified period; or
  - (b) notice requiring the parties to appear before a convener or the Tribunal for a preliminary hearing on that issue.