

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

Section 2.

#### THE SPEAKER’S COMMITTEE

##### *Reports*

- 1 (1) The Speaker’s Committee shall, at least once in each year, make to the House of Commons a report on the exercise by the Committee of their functions.
- (2) For the purposes of the law of defamation the publication of any matter by the Speaker’s Committee in making such a report shall be absolutely privileged.

##### *Term of office of Committee members*

- 2 (1) In this paragraph “appointed member” means a member of the Speaker’s Committee other than—
- (a) the Speaker of the House of Commons;
  - (b) the member who is the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons; or
  - (c) the member who is the Secretary of State for the Home Department.
- (2) An appointed member shall cease to be a member of the Speaker’s Committee if—
- (a) he ceases to be a Member of the House of Commons; or
  - (b) another person is appointed to be a member of the Committee in his place.
- (3) An appointed member may resign from the Committee at any time by giving notice to the Speaker.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), an appointed member shall be a member of the Committee for the duration of the Parliament in which he is appointed.
- (5) An appointed member may be re-appointed (or further re-appointed) to membership of the Committee.

##### *Committee proceedings*

- 3 (1) The Speaker’s Committee may determine their own procedure.
- (2) The validity of any proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by—
- (a) any vacancy among, or
  - (b) any defect in the appointment of any of, the members of the Committee.
- (3) The Committee may appoint a member of the Committee to act as chairman at any meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Speaker.