



Communications Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 21

PART 1

FUNCTIONS OF OFCOM

Advisory committees

21 Advisory committee on elderly and disabled persons

- (1) It shall be the duty of OFCOM, in accordance with the following provisions of this section, to exercise their powers under paragraph 14 of the Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2002 (c. 11) (committees of OFCOM) to establish and maintain a committee to provide the advice specified in this section.
- (2) The committee shall consist of—
 - (a) a chairman appointed by OFCOM; and
 - (b) such number of other members appointed by OFCOM as OFCOM think fit.
- (3) In appointing persons to be members of the committee, OFCOM must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that the members of the committee include—
 - (a) persons who are familiar with the needs of the elderly; and
 - (b) persons who are familiar with the needs of persons with disabilities.
- (4) The function of the committee shall be to provide advice to OFCOM (including other committees established by OFCOM) about the interests, in relation to communications matters, of—
 - (a) the elderly; and
 - (b) persons with disabilities.
- (5) The committee may also, at the request of the Consumer Panel, provide advice about those interests to the Consumer Panel.
- (6) The consent of OFCOM are required for the giving of advice under subsection (5).
- (7) In this section “communications matters” has the same meaning as in section 3.