## **Panel Members Decision Checklist**

Applicant's Details Client Name:		
Client Number: Hearing Date:		
Hearing Adjourned: YES NO Next Hearing Date:		
Chairperson: Scribe/Note Taker: (If you have one) Final Report Writer:		
Law and Policy	✓	
Has the applicable legislation (from the time of the decision) been applied?		
Have you used SSAA to assist you in deciding the case?		
■ If you have, have you applied the client's circumstances to the circumstances of the Appellant?		
Does the Applicant meet ANY of the specific legislative provisions that you are dealing with?		
Have you considered the case in a holistic way?		
Options Considered		
Have you considered all options available to the Applicant? e.g. not just whether a debt was properly established, but also whether it should be recoverable or not?		
Case Presented		
Have you taken into consideration ALL points raised by the Applicant?		
Have you considered ALL points raised by the Ministry?		
Have these points been documented in the notes of the meeting?		
Findings		
Did you provide clear reasons for your decision?		
Do the facts support your decision?		
Have you responded to all the points raised from both parties?		
• Are your findings and any instructions for the implementation of a decision clear? e.g. if you have instructed that Special Benefit be granted, have you stated which costs should be included in the assessment and what rate you would like the supplement paid at, from what date and for how long?		
• If one panel member is dissenting from the decision, has this been recorded with the reasons for the dissention?		
■ Is the decision lawful?		

Administration			
<ul><li>Have all membe</li></ul>	otes?		
Have all panel members signed the Report of the Benefit Review Committee?			
Signed			
Panel Member:			
	Print	Sign	
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