**1) Review of Funeral Affordability**

1. The Secretary of State shall make arrangements for a review of funeral affordability and factors affecting funeral costs.
2. The review shall consider factors including, but not limited to –
	1. The suitability of existing state support including Funeral Payments and Budgeting Loans;
	2. The role of local authorities in carrying out public health funerals;
	3. The impact of burial space on funeral affordability;
	4. Public awareness and information around funeral planning and available support
3. As part of this review the Secretary of State shall make arrangements for a public consultation on the matters to be considered.
4. The Secretary of State shall lay a report on the review and public consultation before each House of Parliament by September 2015.

**2) Establishment of a Simple Funeral Service**

1. A funeral director must provide to a customer an itemised price list for a Simple Funeral Service before selling that customer any funeral service.
2. The individual components of the Simple Funeral Service must be provided to the customer at the listed price if the customer requests them.
3. The components of a Simple Funeral Service may be established by the Secretary of State through regulations.

**3) Duty to carry out eligibility check for Funeral Payments**

1. The Department for Work and Pensions must carry out a preliminary check of a potential applicant’s eligibility for a Funeral Payment if requested.
2. The Department may request from an applicant indicative information it deems necessary to make a reasonable estimate of that applicant’s eligibility.
3. The outcome of an eligibility check may not be considered as part of a subsequent application for a Funeral Payment, or appeal of the Department’s decision to grant or not grant a Funeral Payment