

Ministry of Defence Records scheduled for review in the period 1 Apr 2010 to 31 Mar 2012

In accordance with the Public Records Act 1958, once records reach 30 years of age the MOD is required to review those records and either seek permission from the Lord Chancellor to retain (for business or sensitivity reasons), destroy or transfer to The National Archives. These decisions are reached following discussion with The National Archive and in consultation with other appropriate stakeholders.

The following schedule details the subjects and number of records that it is planned to review in the period 1 Apr 2010 to 31 Mar 2012 with the intention of transferring those records selected for permanent preservation to The National Archive. These would be available for the public to view at The National Archives. Pending and during transfer, the MOD would seek to apply the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 22 (intention to publish through other means) exemption in response to any requests under the Act for the information they cover.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>1 Apr 2010 to 31 Mar 2011</i>	<i>1 Apr 2011 to 31 Mar 2012</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Unidentified Flying Objects	113 files	Nil	Final batch of "UFO" files held by the MOD. Others already released to The National Archive
Royal Air Force Operational Record Books	300 volumes covering the period 1981/82	300 volumes covering the period 1983/84	RAF station daily record books.
Army Commander's Diaries	177 diaries covering the period 1979 to 1982	Nil	Regimental commanders' records of operations
Royal Observer Corps	620 files covering the period 1958/1985	Nil	Information relating to Royal Observer Corps locations and policy issues
Various Department files	150 files dated between 1949-74	200 files dated prior to 1942	These files were contaminated with asbestos and scanned in 2006-08 to allow for continued access