

<b>Territory</b>	<b>Total number of pieces for the territory</b>	<b>Documents with closures (full or partial)</b>	<b>Closed whole pieces</b>	<b>Documents with retentions (full or partial)</b>	<b>Retained whole pieces</b>	<b>Total pieces released without any information withheld</b>
Aden	27	20	0	0	0	22
Anguilla	231	147	0	51	0	188
Bahamas	34	2	2	4	0	27
Basutoland	739	55	4	137	7	707
Bechuanaland	265	19	7	2	7	243
British Indian Ocean Territories	252	49	5	44	1	227
Brunei/Sarawak	876	25	12	0	6	823
Cameroon	100	0	0	2	0	98
Ceylon	645	95	0	18	0	613
Cyprus	2444	3475	45	561	15	1921
Fiji	23	16	2	1	0	18
Gambia	88	8	2	72	0	84
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	20	55	6	0	0	11
Gold Coast	265	4	2	274	2	259
Jamaica	325	113	3	154	0	306
Malta	4236	395	30	190	21	4121
Malaya	570	32	5	0	0	564
Kenya	1723	169	6	176	1	1654
Mauritius	250	75	1	68	4	235
New Hebrides	237	166	7	11	0	196
Nigeria	413	11	4	82	0	405
Northern Rhodesia	385	31	0	24	1	370
Nyasaland	110	138	2	47	0	96
Palestine	40	0	0	5	0	40
Sierra Leone	55	0	1	27	0	53
Singapore	2813	150	6	286	21	2711
Solomons	222	565	29	0	1	133
Swaziland	301	87	10	13	2	280
Southern Rhodesia	6	0	0	0	0	6
Tanganyika	275	45	1	108	1	254
Trinidad	88	0	0	0	2	86
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Uganda	416	19	2	2	5	398
West Indies	147	1	0	0	1	145
Western Pacific	42	38	0	6	5	28
Zanzibar	296	67	0	3	2	278
Related files	71	10	0	0	0	64
Kenya Land Files	913	77	0	0	0	884
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19944</b>	<b>6159</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2368</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>18549</b>

*Explanatory notes (for an explanation of closure and retention please refer to the FCO archive records page on gov.uk ([www.fco.gov.uk/archive-records](http://www.fco.gov.uk/archive-records)))*

This table provides a snapshot of retention and closure statistics for all of the colonial administration files reviewed for release to The National Archives (TNA). Data for tranches 1-7 of the release programme was collected in August 2013 and updated in January 2014. Data was collected for tranche 8 in January 2014.

A piece is the TNA term for a file. FCO files typically contain around 100 pages, but this can vary quite widely.

Each file contains a set of documents which are often one or two pages long but sometimes longer.

Information can only be withheld from release for a specified period and must be re-reviewed for release at a later date. Sometimes only words, sentences or paragraphs in a document are withheld (they are blocked or 'redacted') and sometimes whole documents. Less frequently entire files are withheld, again for a specified period.

During the colonial administration files release programme, the FCO released the overwhelming majority of information in the files. The final column in the table above shows that over 18,000 pieces, or 93% of the total, were released in their entirety without any information withheld.

In most cases where we have withheld information from colonial administration files under legal exemptions, we have withheld individual documents or we have redacted text within those documents. The columns headed 'Documents with closures (full or partial)' and 'Documents with retentions (full or partial)' give the number of documents where we have redacted some of the text (and released the rest of the documents) or where we have withheld whole documents.

The number of files withheld in their entirety for a specified period are shown in the columns 'Closed whole pieces' and 'Retained whole pieces'. They account for a small proportion of the total number of colonial administration files (1.5%).

Files covering the territory of Sarawak have been included in the statistics for Brunei. The majority of closures and retentions are for Sarawak files.