THE 20 YEAR RULE: MONITORING AND REPORTING MOD Record Transfer Report – Autumn 2016 Explanatory Text

The MOD is committed to meeting the 30:20 year transition timetable and adherence to each transition year will take precedence over the review of legacy period records. The review of 1987/88 records is complete and review of 1989/90 records is nearing completion. The MOD continues to work with The National Archives (TNA) to ensure that records are delivered to TNA in a timely and consistent manner. The MOD – TNA delivery plan for September 2016 to March 2017, and a listing of records delivered from the MOD to TNA in the period April 2016 to August 2016, can be found on Gov.UK. The delivery plan will be updated every six months.

The MOD continues to reduce the volume of previously identified records in the legacy period. The history, scale and complexity of the MOD means that records may continue to be found from the legacy period, and these will be reported when identified. MOD now reports the number of historic service personnel records for which it no longer has any business need. A study is being conducted to determine how best to transfer these to The National Archives.

This Record Transfer Report now includes figures from the Defence Geographic Centre, but excludes reporting from AWE and UK Hydrographic Office who submit their own reports.