

## **The 20 Year Rule: Monitoring and Reporting**

### **MOD Record Transfer Report - Baseline 2012 – Explanatory Text**

#### Legacy Records

The history, scale and complexity of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) means that records may continue to be identified from the pre-1981 period.

In this and subsequent Record Transfer Reports, the MOD will report records held up to and including 1981 once such records have been identified and selected for permanent preservation. The MOD Records Transfer Report currently shows 9700 records against this category. This represents an estimate of Defence Estates records identified at 6 MOD sites.

In implementing the 30-20 year rule change, adherence to each transition year will take priority. Thus MOD records from 1983/84 will take precedence over pre-1981 records in the review and transfer to The National Archives programme. The number of pre-1981 records (the legacy) reported may therefore increase following the identification and selection of further record sets.

#### Digital Readiness

The first transfer of MOD Digital material is likely to occur in 2023 and the Department therefore plans to develop the process for selection and subsequent transfer from 2018.