

Public Records Act 1958

1958 CHAPTER 51 6 and 7 Eliz 2

An Act to make new provision with respect to public records and the Public Record Office, and for connected purposes. [23rd July 1958]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act excluded by Australian Constitution (Public Record Copy) Act 1990 (c.17, SIF 101),s. 1
- C2 Act modified (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(2), Sch. 23 Pt. I para. 9 (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, art. 3
- C3 Act restricted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 116(1) (with s. 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2 Act modified (temp.) (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 116(2) (with s. 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- C4 Act excluded (24.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/942, art. 4
- C5 Act applied (1.10.2007) by Mental Capacity Act 2005 (c. 9), ss. 66(4), 68(1)-(3), Sch. 5 para. 6(1) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, art. 2(d)
- C6 Act restricted by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 146(1)(2)(3), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act. Act modified (temp) by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 146(2), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at 1.1.1959 see s. 13(3).

1 General responsibility of the Lord Chancellor for public records.

(1) The direction of the Public Record Office shall be transferred from the Master of the Rolls to the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Chancellor shall be generally responsible for the execution of this Act and shall supervise the care and preservation of public records.

(2) There shall be an Advisory Council on Public Records to advise the Lord Chancellor on matters concerning public records in general and, in particular, on those aspects of the work of the Public Record Office which affect members of the public who make use of the facilities provided by the Public Record Office.

The Master of the Rolls shall be chairman of the said Council and the remaining members of the Council shall be appointed by the Lord Chancellor on such terms as he may specify.

- [^{F1}(2A) The matters on which the Advisory Council on Public Records may advise the Lord Chancellor include matters relating to the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to information contained in public records which are historical records within the meaning of Part VI of that Act.]
 - (3) The Lord Chancellor shall in every year lay before both Houses of Parliament a report on the work of the Public Record Office, which shall include any report made to him by the Advisory Council on Public Records.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(2A) inserted (30.11.2002) by 2000 c. 36, s. 67, **Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 1** (with ss. 56, 78); S.I. 2002/2812, **art. 2(j)**

2 The Public Record Office.

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may appoint a Keeper of Public Records to take charge under his direction of the Public Record Office and of the records therein and may, with the concurrence of the Treasury as to numbers and conditions of service, appoint such other persons to serve in the Public Record Office as he may think fit.
- (2) The Keeper of Public Records and other persons appointed under this Act shall receive such salaries and remuneration as the Treasury may from time to time direct.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Public Records to take all practicable steps for the preservation of records under his charge.
- (4) The Keeper of Public Records shall have power to do all such things as appear to him necessary or expedient for maintaining the utility of the Public Record Office and may in particular—
 - (a) compile and make available indexes and guides to, and calendars and texts of, the records in the Public Record Office;
 - (b) prepare publications concerning the activities of and facilities provided by the Public Record Office;
 - (c) regulate the conditions under which members of the public may inspect public and other records or use the other facilities of the Public Record Office;
 - (d) provide for the making and authentication of copies of and extracts from records required as evidence in legal proceedings or for other purposes;
 - (e) accept responsibility for the safe keeping of records other than public records;
 - (f) make arrangements for the separate housing of films and other records which have to be kept under special conditions;
 - (g) lend records, in a case where the Lord Chancellor gives his approval, for display at commemorative exhibitions or for other special purposes;

- (h) acquire records and accept gifts and loans.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may by regulations made with the concurrence of the Treasury and contained in a statutory instrument prescribe the fees which may be charged for the inspection of records under the charge of the Keeper of Public Records, for authenticated copies or extracts from such records and for other services afforded by officers of the Public Record Office and authorise the remission of the fees in prescribed cases.
- (6) Fees received under the last foregoing subsection shall be paid into the Exchequer.

3 Selection and preservation of public records.

- (1) It shall be the duty of every person responsible for public records of any description which are not in the Public Record Office or a place of deposit appointed by the Lord Chancellor under this Act to make arrangements for the selection of those records which ought to be permanently preserved and for their safe-keeping.
- (2) Every person shall perform his duties under this section under the guidance of the Keeper of Public Records and the said Keeper shall be responsible for co-ordinating and supervising all action taken under this section.
- (3) All public records created before the year sixteen hundred and sixty shall be included among those selected for permanent preservation.
- (4) Public records selected for permanent preservation under this section shall be transferred not later than thirty years after their creation either to the Public Record Office or to such other place of deposit appointed by the Lord Chancellor under this Act as the Lord Chancellor may direct:

Provided that any records may be retained after the said period if, in the opinion of the person who is responsible for them, they are required for administrative purposes or ought to be retained for any other special reason and, where that person is not the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chancellor has been informed of the facts and given his approval.

- (5) The Lord Chancellor may, if it appears to him in the interests of the proper administration of the Public Record Office, direct that the transfer of any class of records under this section shall be suspended until arrangements for their reception have been completed.
- (6) Public records which, following the arrangements made in pursuance of this section, have been rejected as not required for permanent preservation shall be destroyed or, subject in the case of records for which some person other than the Lord Chancellor is responsible, to the approval of the Lord Chancellor, disposed of in any other way.
- (7) Any question as to the person whose duty it is to make arrangements under this section with respect to any class of public records shall be referred to the Lord Chancellor for his decision.
- (8) The provisions of this section shall not make it unlawful for the person responsible for any public record to transmit it to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland or to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

4 Place of deposit of public records.

- (1) If it appears to the Lord Chancellor that a place outside the Public Record Office affords suitable facilities for the safe-keeping and preservation of records and their inspection by the public he may, with the agreement of the authority who will be responsible for records deposited in that place, appoint it as a place of deposit as respects any class of public records selected for permanent preservation under this Act.
- (2) In choosing a place of deposit under this section for public records of—
 - (a) courts of quarter sessions or magistrates' courts, or
 - (b) courts of coroners of counties or boroughs,

the Lord Chancellor shall have regard to any arrangements made by the person for the time being responsible for the records with respect to the place where those records are to be kept and, where he does not follow any such arrangements, shall, so far as practicable, proceed on the principle that the records of any such court ought to be kept in the area of the [^{F2}county] or county borough comprising the area for which the court acts or where it sits, except in a case where the authorities or persons appearing to the Lord Chancellor to be mainly concerned consent to the choice of a place of deposit elsewhere.

- (3) The Lord Chancellor may at any time direct that public records shall be transferred from the Public Record Office to a place of deposit appointed under this section or from such a place of deposit to the Public Record Office or another place of deposit.
- (4) Before appointing a place of deposit under this section as respects public records of a class for which the Lord Chancellor is not himself responsible, he shall consult with the Minister or other person, if any, who appears to him to be primarily concerned and, where the records are records of a court of quarter sessions the records of which are, apart from the provisions of this Act, subject to the directions of a custos rotulorum, the Lord Chancellor shall consult him.
- (5) Public records in the Public Record Office shall be in the custody of the Keeper of Public Records and public records in a place of deposit appointed under this Act shall be in the custody of such officer as the Lord Chancellor may appoint.
- (6) Public records in the Public Record Office or other place of deposit appointed by the Lord Chancellor under this Act shall be temporarily returned at the request of the person by whom or department or office from which they were transferred.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words substituted by virtue of Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 179(2)

5 Access to public records.

- ^{F3}(1).....
- [^{F4}(3) It shall be the duty of the Keeper of Public Records to arrange that reasonable facilities are available to the public for inspecting and obtaining copies of those public records in the Public Record Office which fall to be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.]

(5) The Lord Chancellor shall, as respects all public records in places of deposit appointed by him under this Act outside the Public Record Office, require arrangements to be made for their inspection by the public comparable to those made for public records in the Public Record Office ^{F6}...

Textual Amendments

- **F3** S. 5(1)(2) repealed (1.1.2005) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 86, 87(3), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 2(2), Sch. 8 Pt. III (with ss. 56, 78); S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- **F4** S. 5(3) substituted (1.1.2005) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 87(3), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 2(3) (with ss. 56, 78); S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2
- **F5** S. 5(4) repealed (1.1.2005) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 86, 87(3), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 2(4), Sch. 8 Pt. III (with ss. 56, 78); S.I. 2004/3122, **art. 2**
- **F6** Words in s. 5(5) repealed (1.1.2005) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 86, 87(3), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 2(4), Sch. 8 Pt. III (with ss. 56, 78); S.I. 2004/3122, **art. 2**

6 Destruction of public records in Public Record Office or other place of deposit.

If, as respects any public records in the Public Record Office or any place of deposit appointed under this Act, it appears to the Keeper of Public Records that they are duplicated by other public records which have been selected for permanent preservation or that there is some other special reason why they should not be permanently preserved, he may, with the approval of the Lord Chancellor and of the Minister or other person, if any, who appears to the Lord Chancellor to be primarily concerned with public records of the class in question, authorise the destruction of those records or, with that approval, their disposal in any other way.

7 Records for which Master of the Rolls remains responsible.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Master of the Rolls shall continue to be responsible for, and to have custody of, the records of the Chancery of England, including those created after the commencement of this Act, and shall have power to determine where the said records or any of them are for the time being to be deposited.
- (2) Section three and subsection (6) of section four of this Act shall not apply to any of the said records but if and so long as any of them are deposited in the Public Record Office those records shall be in the custody of the Keeper of Public Records and subject to the directions of the Lord Chancellor as in the case of any other records in the Public Record Office.
- (3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, the Master of the Rolls shall not have charge and superintendence over, or custody of, any public records and any public records which at the commencement of this Act were in the custody of the Master of the Rolls (other than records of the Chancery of England) shall thereafter be in the custody of the Keeper of Public Records or such other officer as the Lord Chancellor may from time to time appoint.

8 Court records.

(1) The Lord Chancellor shall be responsible for the public records of every court of record or magistrates' court which are not in the Public Record Office or a place of deposit appointed by him under this Act and shall have power to determine in the case of any such records [^{F7}other than records of the Supreme Court,] the officer in whose custody they are for the time being to be:

F8

- [^{F9}(1A) Records of the Supreme Court for which the Lord Chancellor is responsible under subsection (1) shall be in the custody of the chief executive of that court.]
 - (2) [^{F10}The power of the President of the Probate Division of the High Court under section one hundred and seventy of the ^{M1}Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925, to direct where the wills and other documents mentioned in that section are to be deposited and preserved (exercisable with the consent of the Lord Chancellor) shall be transferred to the Lord Chancellor.]
 - - (4) Where any private documents have remained in the custody of a court in England or Wales for more than fifty years without being claimed, the Keeper of Public Records may, with the approval of the Master of the Rolls, require the documents to be transferred to the Public Record Office and thereupon the documents shall become public records for the purposes of this Act.
 - (5) Section three of this Act shall not apply to such of the records of ecclesiastical courts described in paragraph (n) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 4 of the First Schedule to this Act as are not held in any office of the [^{F12}Senior Courts] or in the Public Record Office, but, if the Lord Chancellor after consulting the President of the [^{F13}Family Division] so directs as respects any of those records, those records shall be transferred to such place of deposit as may be appointed by the Lord Chancellor and shall thereafter be in the custody of such officer as may be so appointed.
 - (6) The public records which at the commencement of this Act are in the custody of the University of Oxford and which are included in the index a copy of which was transmitted to the principal probate registrar under section two of the ^{M2}Oxford University Act 1860, shall not be required to be transferred under the last foregoing subsection but the Lord Chancellor shall make arrangements with the University of Oxford as to the conditions under which those records may be inspected by the public.

Textual Amendments

- Words in s. 8(1) inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 56(2)(a), 148; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2
- **F8** S. 8(1) proviso repealed by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), Sch. 11 Pt. II
- F9 S. 8(1A) inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 56(2)(b), 148; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2
- F10 S. 8(2) repealed (E.W) by Supreme Court Act 1981 (c.54, SIF 37), s. 152(4), Sch.7
- F11 s. 8(3) repealed by Administration of Justice Act 1969(c.58), Sch. 2
- F12 S. 8(5): for the words "Supreme Court" or "Supreme Court of Judicature" whever they occur there is substituted (1.10.2009) the words "Senior Courts" by virtue of Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 59, 148(1), Sch. 11 para. 4; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2
- F13 Words substituted by Administration of Justice Act 1970 (c. 31), Sch. 2 para. 19

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Marginal CitationsM11925 c. 49.M21860 c. 91.

9 Legal validity of public records and authenticated copies.

- (1) The legal validity of any record shall not be affected by its removal under the provisions of this Act, or of the Public Record Office Acts 1838 to 1898, or by any provisions in those Acts with respect to its legal custody.
- (2) A copy of or extract from a public record in the Public Record Office purporting to be examined and certified as true and authentic by the proper officer and to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the Public Record Office shall be admissible as evidence in any proceedings without any further or other proof thereof if the original record would have been admissible as evidence in those proceedings.
- [^{F14}(3) An electronic copy of or extract from a public record in the Public Record Office which—
 - (a) purports to have been examined and certified as true and authentic by the proper officer; and
 - (b) appears on a website purporting to be one maintained by or on behalf of the Public Record Office,;

shall, when viewed on that website, be admissible as evidence in any proceedings without further or other proof if the original record would have been admissible as evidence in those proceedings.]

[^{F15}(4)] [^{F16}In this section any reference] to the proper officer is a reference to the Keeper of Public Records or any other officer of the Public Record Office authorised in that behalf by the Keeper of Public Records, and, in the case of copies and extracts made before the commencement of this Act, the deputy keeper of the records or any assistant record keeper appointed under the ^{M3}Public Record Office Act 1838.

Textual Amendments

- **F14** S. 9(3) inserted (4.2.2002) by S.I. 2001/4058, art. 2(3)
- F15 Words in s. 9(2) re-numbered as subsection (4) (4.2.2002) by S.I. 2001/4058, art. 2(2)
- F16 Words in s. 9(4) substituted (4.2.2002) by 2001/4058, art. 2(2)

Marginal Citations

M3 1838 c. 94.

10 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act "public records" has the meaning assigned to it by the First Schedule to this Act and "records" includes not only written records but records conveying information by any other means whatsoever.
- (2) Where records created at different dates are for administrative purposes kept together in one file or other assembly all the records in that file or other assembly shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as having been created when the latest of those records was created.

^{F17}11 Public Record Office Acts to cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

F17 S. 11 repealed by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48, SIF 67A), s. 303(2), Sch. 8

12 Northern Ireland.

- (1) It shall be lawful for any government department or other body or person having the custody of any public records relating exclusively or mainly to Northern Ireland to transmit those records to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

F18 S.12(2) repealed by Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), Sch. 6 Pt. I

13 Short title, repeals and commencement.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Public Records Act 1958.

- - (3) This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fiftynine.

Textual Amendments

F19 S.13(2) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), Sch. Pt. XI

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 10.

DEFINITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

1

C7 Sch. 1 excluded by Transport Act 1968 (c. 73), s. 144(9)
Sch. 1 excluded (E.W.S.) (1.4.1994) by 1993 c. 43, s. 125(6); S.I. 1994/571, art. 5 (with art. 7) (which exclusion was repealed (18.7.1996) by 1996 c. 42, s. 8(2)(3))
Sch. 1 excluded (E.W.S.) (18.9.1996) by 1996 c. 42, ss. 5(3), 8(3)

The provisions of this Schedule shall have effect for determining what are public records for the purposes of this Act.

Departmental records

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, administrative and departmental records belonging to Her Majesty, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and, in particular,—
 - (a) records of, or held in, any department of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) records of any office, commission or other body or establishment whatsoever under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom,

shall be public records.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not apply—

- (a) to records of any government department or body which is wholly or mainly concerned with Scottish affairs, or which carries on its activities wholly or mainly in Scotland, or
- (b) to registers or certified copies of entries in registers being registers or certified copies kept or deposited in the General Register Office under or in pursuance of any enactment, whether past or future, which provides for the registration of births, deaths, marriages [^{F20}, civil partnerships] or adoptions, or
- (c) except so far as provided by paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to records of the Duchy of Lancaster, or
- (d) to records of the office of the Public Trustee relating to individual trusts $[^{F21}$ or
- (e) to Welsh public records (as defined in [F22 the Government of Wales Act 2006]).]

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F20 Words in Sch. 1 para. 2(2)(b) inserted (5.12.2005) by The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3129), art. 4(1), Sch. 1 para. 3
- F21 Sch. 1 para. 2(2)(e) and "or"immediately preceding it inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, Sch. 12 para. 3(2) (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- F22 Words in Sch. 1 para. 2(2)(e) substituted by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 160(1), {Sch. 10 para. 7(a)}, the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.
- 3 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) of the last foregoing paragraph, the administrative and departmental records of bodies and establishments set out in the Table at the end of this paragraph shall be public records, whether or not they are records belonging to Her Majesty.
 - (2) The provisions of this paragraph shall not be taken as applying to records in any museum or gallery mentioned in the said Table which form part of its permanent collections (that is to say records which the museum or gallery has acquired otherwise than by transfer from or arrangements with a government department).

PART II

OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS

F58

Anglo-Egyptian Resettlement Board.

[^{F59}Armouries]

[^{F60}Arts and Humanities Research Council.]

[^{F61}The Big Lottery Fund.]

[^{F62}The Board of the Pension Protection Fund.]

 $[{}^{\rm F63}{\rm The}$ Board of Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.]

[^{F64}British Coal Corporation]

[^{F65}British Council.]

British Museum (including the Natural History Museum).

[^{F66}Care Council for Wales.]

[^{F67}The Care Quality Commission.]

Catering Wages Commission.

[^{F68}Central Police Training and Development Authority]

[^{F69}Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission.]

[^{F70}The Child Poverty Commission.]

[^{F71}Civil Nuclear Police Authority.]

[^{F72}Coal Authority]

Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

[^{F73}Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.] [^{F74}The Commission for Equality and Human Rights.] F75 F76 [^{F77}Commission on Industrial Relations] [^{F78}Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health.] [^{F79}Commission for Rural Communities.] F80 [^{F81}The Committee on Climate Change.] [^{F82}Competition Commission.] [^{F83}Competition Service] F84 [^{F85}Consumer Council for Water.] [^{F86}Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence] F87 [^{F88}Criminal Cases Review Commission] [^{F89}Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations (before and after their reconstitution as a body corporate)] except when acting for governments or authorities outside Her Majesty's dominions. [^{F90}Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board.] F91 F92 [^{F93}A development agency established under section 1 of the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998.] Development Commission. [^{F94}Director of Fair Access to Higher Education] F95 [^{F96}Economic and Social Research Council.] [^{F97}Electoral Commission.] F98 [^{F99}Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.] F100 [^{F101}The Environment Agency] [^{F102} Funding Agency for Schools] [^{F103} Further Education Funding Council for England.] F104 [^{F105}Gangmasters Licensing Authority] F84 [^{F106}General Social Care Council.] [^{F107}General Teaching Council for England.] [^{F108}General Teaching Council for Wales.]

```
[<sup>F103</sup>Higher Education Funding Council for England.]
F109
[<sup>F110</sup>Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England]
[<sup>F111</sup>The Homes and Communities Agency.]
[<sup>F112</sup>Human Tissue Authority.]
Imperial War Museum.
[<sup>F113</sup>The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.]
[<sup>F114</sup>Information Commissioner.]
[<sup>F115</sup>Infrastructure Planning Commission.]
Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust.
F116
[<sup>F117</sup>The Legal Services Board.]
[<sup>F118</sup>The Legal Services Consultative Panel.]
[<sup>F119</sup> The Legal Services Ombudsman]
[<sup>F120</sup>Local Better Regulation Office.]
[<sup>F121</sup>Local Government Boundary Commission for England.]
London Museum.
I<sup>F122</sup>The Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and
Conduct]
F123
[<sup>F124</sup>The Marine Management Organisation.]
[<sup>F125</sup>Medical Research Council.]
F126
[<sup>F129</sup>National Audit Office]
F75
F130
[<sup>F131</sup>The National Consumer Council.]
National Gallery.
F126
[<sup>F132</sup>National Lottery Commission.]
National Maritime Museum.
F100
[<sup>F133</sup>National Policing Improvement Agency.]
National Portrait Gallery.
National Savings Committee.
[<sup>F134</sup>Natural England.]
[<sup>F135</sup>Natural Environment Research Council.]
F136
F126
[<sup>F137</sup>Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.]
[<sup>F138</sup>Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority.]
```

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

[^{F139}Office of Communications.] F140 [^{F141}Office of Fair Trading.] [^{F142}The Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator.] [^{F143}The Office for Legal Complaints.] [^{F144}Office for Tenants and Social Landlords.] [^{F145}Olympic Delivery Authority.] [^{F146}Olympic Lottery Distributor.] [^{F147}The Ombudsman for the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.] [^{F148}Passengers' Council.] [^{F149}Pensions Compensation Board.] [^{F150}Pensions Ombudsman.] [^{F151}The Pensions Regulator.] [^{F152}Personal Accounts Delivery Authority] [^{F153}Police Information Technology Organisation] [^{F154}Post Office]. [^{F155}Post Office company (within the meaning of Part IV of the Postal Services Act 2000).] [^{F156}Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency] F157 [^{F158}Rail Passengers' Committees.] F159 Remploy Limited. [^{F160}Roval Botanic Gardens, Kew] Royal Greenwich Observatory. [^{F161} School Curriculum and Assessment Authority] F162 [^{F163}Science Museum] [^{F164}Security Industry Authority.] [^{F165}Serious Organised Crime Agency.] F166 F167 [^{F168}The Simpler Trade Procedures Board.] Tate Gallery. F169 [^{F170}Technology Strategy Board.] [^{F171}Traffic Director for London] [^{F172}Training and Development Agency for Schools] F173 Trustee Savings Banks Inspection Committee. United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

University Grants Committee.

[^{F174}Valuation Tribunal Service.]

[^{F175}Victoria and Albert Museum]

Wallace Collection.

War Works Commission.

[^{F176}Young People's Learning Agency for England.]

Any body established for the purpose of determining the boundaries of constituencies of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, or of local authorities in England ^{F177}....

TABLE

PART I

BODIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Responsible Government Department

[^{F23} Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.]	Agricultural Wages Board. Agricultural Wages Committees. Organisation known as the "National Farm Survey". Official seed testing station for England and Wales.
[^{F24} Ministry of Defence]	Meteorological Office.
F25	F26
[^{F27} Department of Health]	National Health Service Authorities [^{F28} including [^{F29} Primary Care Trusts][^{F30} , National Health Service trusts and NHS foundation trusts]] other than local health authorities [^{F31} and Authorities for districts or localities in Wales, or for areas in or consisting of Wales (including National Health Service trusts all of whose hospitals, establishments and facilities are situated in Wales)]. [^{F32} Family Practitioner Committees][^{F33} for localities in England] [^{F34} health service hospitals, within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 1977][^{F35} , in England] except— records of endowments passing to Boards of Governors under section seven of the National Health Service Act 1946.

Status: Point in time view as at 01/04/2010. **Changes to legislation:** Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that

have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

records relating to funds held by Hospital Boards and Committees under sections fifty-nine and sixty of the said Act, andrecords of private patients admitted under section five of the said Act.

[^{F36} records of property passing to [^{F37} Regional, Area or District] Health Authorities or special health authorities under sections 23 to 26 of the ^{M4} National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 [^{F38}, section 92 of the National Health Service Act 1977, section 213 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or section 161 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006]

records of property held by a [^{F39}Regional,Area or District] Health Authority or special health authority under section 21 or 22 of the said Act 1973][^{F40}, section 90 or 91 of the National Health Service Act 1977, section 218 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 to that Act, or paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006]

[^{F41}records of trust property passing to a [^{F42}Strategic Health Authority, Health Authority, Special Health Authority or Primary Care Trust] by virtue of the Health Authorities Act 1995 [^{F43}, under section 213 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or section 161 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006,] or held by [^{F44}a Strategic Health Authority or] a Health Authority under section 90 or 91 of [^{F45}the National Health Service Act 1977, section 218 of the National Health Service Act 2006, paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to, or paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 to, that Act, or paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006].] F46

Office of Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

Home Office

	Office of Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District.
[^{F47} Department of Employment]	National Dock Labour Board. National Institute of Houseworkers Limited. Wages Boards and Wages Councils.
[^{F48} Department of Social Security]	National Insurance Advisory Committee. Industrial Injuries Advisory Council. [^{F49} Attendance Allowance Board.] National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Joint Authorities. Workmen's Compensation Supplementation Board. Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Board. ^{F50} ^{F51}
[^{F52} Department of Transport]	Air Transport Advisory Council. Air Registration Board. [^{F53} Airworthiness Requirements Board, Civil Aviation Authority.] [^{F54} Strategic Rail Authority.]
[^{F55} Ministry of Justice]	[^{F56} Legal Aid Board] [^{F57} Legal Services Commission]

Textual Amendments

- **F23** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted (27.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/794, art. 5(1), Sch. 1 para. 10 (with arts. 5(3), 6)
- F24 Words substituted by Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964 (c. 15), ss. 1, 3(2)
- F25 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: entries repealed by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40, Sch. 6
- F26 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: entries repealed by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40, Sch. 6
- F27 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1988/1843, art. 2
- F28 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words inserted (E.W.S.) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), Sch. 9 para. 6(a)
- F29 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words inserted (8.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/90, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 para. 3
- F30 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted (1.4.2004 for E. W.) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 34, 199, Sch. 4 para. 6; S.I. 2004/759, art. 2
- F31 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in entry relating to "National Health Service Authorities" inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, Sch. 12 para. 3(3)(a) (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- F32 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: entry inserted (E.W.) by S.I. 1985/39, art. 4
- **F33** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in entry relating to "Family Practitioner Committees" inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, Sch. 12 para. 3(3)(b) (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2

F34 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: for the words "National health service hospitals" there are substituted (E.W.S) the words "health service hospitals, within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 1977" by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 66(1), Sch. 9 para. 6(b)

F35 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in entry relating to "health service hospitals" inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, Sch. 12 para. 3(3)(c) (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2

- F36 Words inserted by National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), Sch. 4 para. 82
- F37 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53, SIF 113:2), Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 12
- **F38** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in "the first entry relating to the Department of Health and Social Security" substituted (1.3.2007) by virtue of National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 21(a) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F39 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53, SIF 113:2), Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 12
- **F40** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in "the first entry relating to the Department of Health and Social Security" substituted (1.3.2007) by virtue of National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 21(b) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F41 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. I: words in entry relating to Department of Health inserted (28.6.1995 for certain purposes otherwise 1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 17, s. 2(1)(3), Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 90 (with Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F42 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2469, reg. 4, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 1(a)
- **F43** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in "the first entry relating to the Department of Health and Social Security" substituted (1.3.2007) by virtue of National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 21(c) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F44 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words inserted (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2469, reg. 4, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 1(b)
- **F45** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words in "the first entry relating to the Department of Health and Social Security" substituted (1.3.2007) by virtue of National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 21(d) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F46 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: entry relating to "Welsh Board of Health" repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. II (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- **F47** Words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1959/1769 (1959 I, p. 1795), art. 2(1), S.I. 1968/729, art. 3(2) and S.I. 1970/1537, art. 3
- F48 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1988/1843, art. 3
- **F49** Words inserted by National Insurance (Old persons' and widows' pensions and attendance allowance) Act 1970 (c. 51), **Sch. 2 para. 2** and by Social Security Act 1973 (c. 38), **Sch. 27 para. 19(b)**
- F50 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words repealed (6.4.1997) by 1995 c. 26, ss. 151, 177, 180(1), Sch. 5 para. 1(a), Sch. 7 Pt. III; S.I. 1997/664, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II
- F51 Words repealed by Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (c. 60), Sch. 5
- F52 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1959/1768 (1959 I, p.1793), arts. 2(1), 4(1), S.I. 1966/741, arts. 2(1), 3(1), S.I. 1966/1015, arts. 2(1), 3, S.I. 1970/1537, arts. 2(1), 7(4), S.I. 1974/692, arts. 2(3), 5(3) and S.I. 1983/1127, art. 2
- **F53** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words included by virtue of Civil Aviation Act 1982 c. 16, SIF 9), Sch. 15 para. 3
- F54 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words inserted (15.1.2001) by 2000 c. 38, s. 204, Sch. 14 para. 26; S.I. 2000/3376, art. 2
- F55 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words substituted (22.8.2007) by The Secretary of State for Justice Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2128), art. 8, Sch. para. 3
- F56 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 1: words inserted by Legal Aid Act 1988 (c. 34, SIF 77:1), s. 45, Sch. 5 para. 1
- F57 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. I: entry inserted (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 22, s. 24, Sch. 4 para. 1 (with s. 107, Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); S.I. 2000/774, art. 2(a)(ii)(iii) (subject to transitional provsions in arts. 3, 4)
- **F58** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 184, 188, Sch. 14 para. 1, Sch. 18 Pt. 5; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(gg)(ii)
- F59 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40(1), Sch. 5 para. 3
- **F60** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2009) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1744), art. 2
- F61 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted by 1993 c. 39, Sch. 4A para. 15 (as inserted (1.8.2006) by National Lottery Act 2006 (c. 23), ss. 14, 22, Sch. 2; S.I. 2006/2177, art. 2)
- F62 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319, 322, Sch. 12 para. 1; S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))

- F63 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted by S.I. 1990/1765, art. 3(2)
- F64 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted by Coal Industry Act 1987 (c. 3, SIF 86), s. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 6
- F65 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/438), art. 2
- F66 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 14, ss. 54, 66, Sch. 1 para. 22; S.I. 2000/2992, art. 2(2), Sch. 2
- F67 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.2008) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170(3), Sch. 5 para. 54(b); S.I. 2008/2497, art. 2(l)(q)(i)
- **F68** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 102, Sch. 4 para. 1; S.I. 2002/533, art. 2(d)
- F69 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (10.6.2008 for certain purposes and 24.7.2008 otherwise) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), ss. 1, 62, Sch. 1 para. 24; S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(1); S.I. 2008/2033, art. 2(1)
- F70 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II inserted (25.3.2010) by Child Poverty Act 2010 (c. 9), s. 31(1), Sch. 1 para. 18
- F71 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.3.2005) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 69, 198(2), Sch. 14 para. 1; S.I. 2005/442, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- F72 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (31.10.1994) by 1994 c. 21, s. 67, Sch. 9 para. 6 (with ss. 40(7), 66); S.I. 1994/2553, s. 68(2)(d), art. 2
- F73 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.1.2006) by Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16), ss. 87, 108, Sch. 2 para. 12; S.I. 2005/3439, art. 2
- F74 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (18.4.2006) inserted by Equality Act 2006 (c. 3), ss. 2, 93, Sch. 1 para. 47; S.I. 2006/1082, art. 2(a)(l)
- **F75** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 196, 199(1)(4), Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13(2)(a)
- F76 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 166, 170(3), Sch. 5 para. 54(a), Sch. 15 Pt. 1; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35(u), 36
- F77 Entry inserted (E.W.S.) by Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), Sch. 16 Pt. IV para. 6
- **F78** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.1.2003) by 2002 c. 17, s. 20(11), Sch. 6 para. 16; S.I. 2002/3190, art. 2(2)(a)
- **F79** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, Sch. 11 para. 34(2); S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4
- **F80** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 166, 170(3), Sch. 5 para. 54(a), Sch. 15 Pt. 1; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35(u), 36
- **F81** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (26.11.2008) by Climate Change Act 2008 (c. 27), ss. 32(2), 100(1), Sch. 1 para. 28
- F82 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/506, art. 11
- **F83** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 3(2)(b); S.I. 2003/766, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3)
- **F84** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.10.2008) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), ss. 64, 66, Sch. 8; S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2, Sch. (subject to art. 3)
- F85 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.2005) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 101(1), 105(3), Sch. 7 para. 16; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(l)(i) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- **F86** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry substituted (1.1.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 127, 170(3), Sch. 10 para. 2(a); S.I. 2008/3244, art. 2(g)(i)(ii)
- **F87** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. II (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- **F88** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (31.3.1997) by 1995 c. 35, s. 29(1), Sch. 2 para. 3; S.I. 1997/402, art. 3(e) (with art. 4)
- F89 Words substituted by Crown Agents Act 1979 (c. 43), s. 32(1), Sch. 6 Pt. I
- **F90** Entry inserted by Crown Agents Act 1979 (c. 43), s. 32(1), Sch. 6 Pt. I
- **F91** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, **Sch. 18 Pt. II** (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2); S.I. 1999/782, **art. 2**

- **F92** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (30.1.2001) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 18(4), 86, 87(2), Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 3(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. II** (with ss. 7(1)(7), 56, 78)
- **F93** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (25.11.1998 for the purposes of regional development agencies established on that date and 3.7.2000 otherwise) by 1998 c. 45, ss. 32, 43, Sch. 7 para. 1; S.I. 1998/2952, art. 2(2); S.I. 2000/1173, art. 2(2)(c)
- **F94** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.7.2004) by Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8), ss. 49, 52(1), Sch. 6 para. 1
- **F95** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.10.2007) by Equality Act 2006 (c. 3), ss. 40, 91, 93, Sch. 3 para. 1, Sch. 4; S.I. 2007/2603, art. 2
- **F96** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2009) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1744), art. 2
- **F97** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 158(1), Sch. 21 para. 1; S.I. 2001/222, art. 2 Sch. 1 Pt. I
- **F98** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries relating to "Employment Service Agency", "Manpower Services Commission" and "Training Services Agency" repealed (E.W.S.) by Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), s. 125, Sch. 18
- F99 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2009) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1744), art. 2
- **F100** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1)(2), 107, Sch. 11 para. 34(3), Sch. 12; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- **F101** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (28.7.1995) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(1), Sch. 22 para. 4 (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7); S.I. 1995/1983, art. 2
- **F102** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.1994) by 1993 c. 35, s. 307(1), Sch. 19 para. 34; S.I. 1994/507, art. 4(1), Sch. 2
- F103 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted (6.5.1992) by Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), s. 93, Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 68; S.I. 1992/831, art.2, Sch. 1
- F104 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. II; S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- **F105** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II inserted (1.12.2004) by Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 (c. 11), ss. 1(6), 29(1), Sch. 1 para. 1;S.I. 2004/2857, art. 2(1)
- **F106** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (7.5.2001 for E.) by 2000 c. 14, s. 6, Sch. 1 para. 22; S.I. 2001/1536, art. 2(2)
- **F107** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2000) by 1998 c. 30, s. 44(1), Sch. 3 para. 1 (with s. 42(8)); S.I. 2000/970, art. 3
- **F108** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.9.2000) by 1998 c. 30, s. 44(1), **Sch. 3 para. 1** (with s. 42(8)); S.I. 2000/970, **art. 3**
- **F109** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. II (ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- F110 Table Pt. II: entries inserted by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40(1), Sch. 5 para. 3
- F111 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (8.9.2008) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), ss. 56, 325, Sch. 8 para. 1; S.I. 2008/2358, arts. 1(2), 2
- F112 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2005) by Human Tissue Act 2004 (c. 30), ss. 13, 60, Sch. 2 para. 23; S.I. 2005/919, art. 3, Sch. (with art. 2)
- **F113** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (12.10.2009) by Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (c. 13), ss. 3(2), 14(3), Sch. 1 para. 28 (with ss. 1, 2(1)); S.I. 2009/2500, art. 2(d)
- **F114** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (30.1.2001) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 18(4), 87(2), Sch. 2 Pt. I para. **3(1)** (with ss. 7(1)(7), 56, 78)
- F115 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.2009) by Planning Act 2008 (c. 29), ss. 1(3), 241(8), Sch. 1 para. 26 (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/2260, art. 2; S.I. 2009/2573, art. 2
- F116 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 entry repealed (1.4.2010) by The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1080), art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 1(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with art. 2(3))

- F117 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (7.3.2008) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 2, 211, Sch. 1 para. 32 (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(b)(h)
- F118 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.1.2000) by 1999 c. 22, s. 35(5); S.I. 1999/3344, art. 2(a)
- **F119** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.1991) by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 37), s. 125(3), Sch. 18 para. 1(1); S.I. 1990/2484, art. 2, Sch. 2
- **F120** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.2008) by Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (c. 13), ss. 1(3), 76(1), Sch. 1 para. 16; S.I. 2008/2371, art. 2(a)
- F121 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 inserted (1.4.2010) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), s. 148(3)(b), Sch. 1 para. 19; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(dd)
- F122 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.1991) by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 37), s. 125(3), Sch. 18 para. 1(1); S.I. 1991/608, art. 2, Sch.
- **F123** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries relating to "Employment Service Agency", "Manpower Services Commission" and "Training Services Agency" repealed (E.W.S.) by Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), s. 125, Sch. 18
- F124 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 inserted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), s. 324(3), Sch. 2 para. 1; S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 1
- F125 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.9.2009) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1744), art. 2
- F126 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.12.2006) by National Lottery Act 2006 (c. 23), ss. 21, 22, Sch. 3; S.I. 2006/3201, art. 2(e)
- F127 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry relating to "Monopolies Commission" repealed (1.4.1999) by virtue of S.I. 1999/506, art. 11
- F128 Words substituted by virtue of Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41), s. 4(1)
- F129 Table Pt. II: entry inserted by National Audit Act 1983 (c. 44, SIF 99:1), s. 3(1), Sch. 2 para. 4
- F130 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: the words "National Coal Board" repealed by Coal Industry Act 1987 (c. 3, SIF 86), s. 10(3), Sch. 3 Pt. II
- **F131** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (21.12.2007) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), ss. 1, 66, Sch. 1 para. 36(1) (with s. 6(9)); S.I. 2007/3546, art. 3, Sch.
- F132 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 22, s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 8; S.I. 1999/650, art. 2
- **F133** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.2007) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), ss. 1, 53, Sch. 1 para. 49; S.I. 2007/709, art. 3 (subject to arts. 6, 7)
- F134 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (2.5.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, Sch. 11 para. 34(2); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2
- F135 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2009) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1744), art. 2
- **F136** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (30.1.2001) by 2000 c. 37, ss. 73(4), 102, 103(2), Sch. 8 para. 2(a), Sch. 16 Pt. III; S.I. 2001/114, art. 2(1)(d)
- F137 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (27.7.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 2, 198(2), Sch. 1 para. 14; S.I. 2004/1973, art. 2, Sch.
- F138 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted (6.4.1997) by 1995 c. 26, s. 151, Sch. 5 para. 1(b); S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. II
- F139 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.7.2002) by 2002 c. 11, s. 1, Sch. para. 23; S.I. 2002/1483, art. 2
- **F140** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 3(2)(b), Sch. 26; S.I. 2003/766, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3)
- **F141** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 3(2)(b); S.I. 2003/766, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3)
- **F142** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 inserted (25.1.2010) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), s. 170(3)(4), Sch. 10 para. 2(b); S.I. 2010/23, art. 2(h)(i)
- **F143** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.1.2009) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 114, 211, Sch. 15 para. 33 (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(ii)

- **F144** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (8.9.2008) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), ss. 277, 325, Sch. 9 para. 1; S.I. 2008/2358, arts. 1(2), 3(1)(2)
- F145 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (30.3.2006) by London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (c. 12), ss. 3, 40(1)(b), Sch. 1 para. 22
- F146 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (8.7.2005) by Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery Act 2004 (c. 25), ss. 29, 40, Sch. 5 para. 16; S.I. 2005/1831, art. 2
- F147 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319, 322, Sch. 12 para. 1; S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))
- F148 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 inserted (25.2.2010) by The Passengers' Council (Non-Railway Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/439), art. 1, Sch. para. 1(2)
- F149 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted (6.4.1997) by 1995 c. 26, s. 151, Sch. 5 para. 1(b); S.I. 1997/664, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. II
- **F150** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (2.10.1995) by 1995 c. 26, s. 173, **Sch. 6 para. 1**; S.I. 1995/2548, **art. 2**
- F151 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (6.4.2005) by Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35), ss. 319, 322, Sch. 12 para. 1; S.I. 2005/275, art. 2(7), Sch. Pt. 7 (subject to art. 2(12))
- F152 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (26.7.2007) by Pensions Act 2007 (c. 22), ss. 20, 30(1)(c), Sch. 6 para. 22
- **F153** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 134(1), Sch. 9 para. 3; S.I. 1997/1930, art. 3(2)(x)
- F154 Words added by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), s. 75(1)
- F155 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (6.11.2000) by 2000 c. 26, s. 127(4), Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 8; S.I. 2000/2957, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- F156 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II substituted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), Sch. 12 para. 1; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F157** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, **Sch. 18 Pt. II** (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, **art. 2**
- F158 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted (1.2.2001) by 2000 c. 38, s. 229, Sch. 23 para. 10; S.I. 2001/57, art. 3 Sch. 3 Pt. I (with Sch. 3 Pt. II)
- F159 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 omitted (25.2.2010) by virtue of The Passengers' Council (Non-Railway Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/439), art. 1, Sch. para. 1(3)
- F160 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40(1), Sch. 5 para. 3
- **F161** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.1993) by 1993 c. 35, s. 307(1), Sch. 19 para. 34; S.I. 1993/1975, art. 9, Sch. 1
- **F162** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2 repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(3), Sch. 31; S.I. 1999/1016, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- F163 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries inserted by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40(1), Sch. 5 para. 3
- F164 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 12, s. 1, Sch. 1 para. 18; S.I. 2002/3125, art. 3(d)
- F165 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 178, Sch. 4 para. 6(a); S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- **F166** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 174,178, Sch. 4 para. 6(b), {Sch. 17}; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(d) (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- **F167** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 174,178, Sch. 4 para. 6(b), {Sch. 17}; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(d) (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F168 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2003) by The Public Records (Designation of Bodies) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/438), art. 2
- F169 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry repealed (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), ss. 123, 125(3)(b), Sch. 19 Pt. 3

- F170 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.2.2008) by The Public Records (Technology Strategy Board) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/3466), art. 2(2)
- F171 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.10.1991) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:2), s. 52, Sch. 5 para. 10 (with s. 79(1)); S.I. 1991/2054, art. 3, Sch.
- F172 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II: entry inserted (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), ss. 98, 125(3)(a), Sch. 14 para. 1
- F173 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries relating to "Employment Service Agency", "Manpower Services Commission" and "Training Services Agency" repealed (E.W.S.) by Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), s. 125, Sch. 18
- F174 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entry inserted (1.4.2004) by Local Government Act 2003 (c. 26), ss. 105, 128, Sch. 4 para. 21; S.I. 2003/2938, art. 6(a) (subject to art. 8, Sch.)
- F175 Table Pt. II: entries inserted by National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47, SIF 78), s. 40(1), Sch. 5 para. 3
- F176 Words in Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. II inserted (1.4.2010) by The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1080), art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 1(b) (with art. 2(3))
- **F177** Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: words in entry repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, Sch. 18 Pt. II (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8 Sch. 1 Table Pt. 1: reference to Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food extended by S.I. 1978/272, art. 11(6)
- C9 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: Public Records Act 1958 shall, as from the appointed day, have effect as if British Telecommunications were included amongst the bodies and establishments set out in Part II of the Table at the end of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to that Act by virtue of British Telecommunications Act 1981 (c. 38, SIF 96), ss. 1(2), 56(1) (which amending provisions were repealed by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), s. 109, Sch. 7 Pt. II (with saving relating to the operation of s. 56 of the 1981 Act in Sch. 5 para. 44))
- C10 Sch. 1 para. 3 Table Pt. 2: entries relating to Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales, Funding Agency for Schools, School Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Schools Funding Council for Wales continued (1.11.1996) by virtue of 1996 c. 56, ss. 582(1), 583(2), Sch. 37 Pt. I para. 2

Marginal Citations

- M4 1973 c. 32.
- [^{F178}3A(1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council amend the Table at the end of paragraph 3 of this Schedule by adding to either Part of the Table an entry relating to any body or establishment—
 - (a) which, at the time when the Order is made, is specified in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments, etc. subject to investigation), or
 - (b) in respect of which an entry could, at that time, be added to Schedule 2 to that Act by an Order in Council under section 4 of that Act (which confers power to amend that Schedule).
 - (2) An Order in Council under this paragraph may relate to a specified body or establishment or to bodies or establishments falling within a specified description.
 - (3) An Order in Council under this paragraph shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F178 Sch. 1 para. 3A inserted (30.11.2000) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 87(1)(j), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 4 (with ss. 56, 78)

Records of courts and tribunals

- 4 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, records of the following descriptions shall be public records for the purposes of this Act:—
 - [^{F179}(za) records of the Supreme Court;]
 - (a) records of, or held in any department of, the Supreme Court (including any court held under a commission of assize);
 - (b) records of county courts and of any other superior or inferior court of record established since the passing of the ^{M5}County Courts Act 1846;
 - ^{F180}(c)
 - (d) records of courts of quarter sessions:
 - (e) records of magistrates' courts;
 - (f) records of coroners' courts;
 - [^{F181}(fa) records of the Court Martial, the Summary Appeal Court or the Service Civilian Court;]
 - (g) records of courts-martial held whether within or outside the United Kingdom by any of Her Majesty's forces raised in the United Kingdom;
 - (h) records of naval courts held whether within or outside the United Kingdom under the enactments relating to merchant shipping;
 - (i) records of any court exercising jurisdiction held by Her Majesty within a country outside Her dominions;
 - (j) records of any tribunal (by whatever name called)—
 - (i) which has jurisdiction connected with any functions of a department of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom; or
 - (ii) which has jurisdiction in proceedings to which such a government department is a party or to hear appeals from decisions of such a government department;
 - ^{F182}(ja)
 - (k) records of ^{F183}... any Rent Tribunal or Local Valuation Court;

- (l) records of the Industrial Court, of the Industrial Disputes Tribunal, and of the National Arbitration Tribunal (which was replaced by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal);
- (m) records of umpires and deputy-umpires appointed under the ^{M6}National Service Act 1948, or the ^{M7}Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act 1944;
- (n) records of ecclesiastical courts when exercising the testamentary and matrimonial jurisdiction removed from them by the ^{M8}Court of Probate Act 1857, and the ^{M9}Matrimonial Causes Act 1857, respectively;
- ^{F184}(nn) $\cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots$
 - (o) records of such other courts or tribunals (by whatever name called) as the Lord Chancellor may by order contained in a statutory instrument specify.
- [^{F185}(1A) Records of, or held in any department of, the Supreme Court within sub-paragraph (1) (a) of this paragraph include the records of the Chancery Court of the county palatine

of Lancaster and the Chancery Court of the county palatine of Durham (which were abolished by the Courts Act 1971).

- (1B) Records of county courts within sub-paragraph (1)(b) of this paragraph include the records of the following courts (which were abolished by the Courts Act 1971)—
 - (a) the Tolzey and Pie Poudre Courts of the City and County of Bristol;
 - (b) the Liverpool Court of Passage;
 - (c) the Norwich Guildhall Court; and
 - (d) the Court of Record for the Hundred of Salford.]
 - (2) This paragraph shall not apply to any court or tribunal whose jurisdiction extends only to Scotland or Northern Ireland.
 - (3) In this paragraph "records" includes records of any proceedings in the court or tribunal in question and includes rolls, writs, books, decrees, bills, warrants and accounts of, or in the custody of, the court or tribunal in question.

Textual Amendments

F179 Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(za) inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 56(3), 148; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

- F180 Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(c) repealed by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), Sch. 11 Pt. II
- **F181** Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(fa) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and 31.10.2009 otherwise) by Armed Forces Act 2006 (c. 52), ss. 378(1), 383(2), Sch. 16 para. 43; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3; S.I. 2009/1167, art. 4
- **F182** Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(ja) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/22), art. 1(1), Sch. 2 para. 1 (with Sch. 5)
- F183 Words in Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(k) omitted (1.6.2009) by virtue of The Transfer of Tribunal Functions (Lands Tribunal and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1307), art. 5(1)(2), Sch. 1 para. 30(b) (with art. 5(6), Sch. 5)
- **F184** Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(nn) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/22), art. 1(1), Sch. 2 para. 1 (with Sch. 5)
- F185 Sch. 1 para. 4(1A)(1B) inserted (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), s. 2(1), Sch. 2 para. 6

Marginal Citations

- **M5** 1846 c. 95.
- **M6** 1948 c. 64.
- **M7** 1944 c. 15.
- **M8** 1857 c. 77.
- **M9** 1857 c. 85.

5

Records of the Chancery of England

The records of the Chancery of England [^{F186}, other than any which are Welsh public records (as defined in [^{F187}the Government of Wales Act 2006]),] shall be public records for the purposes of this Act.

Textual Amendments

F186 Words in Sch. 1 para. 5 inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, **Sch. 12 para. 3(4)** (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, **art. 2**

F187 Words in Sch. 1 para. 5 substituted by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 160(1), {Sch. 10 para. 7(b)}, the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

Records in Public Record Office

Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, public records for the purposes of this Act shall include—

- (a) all records within the meaning of the ^{M10}Public Record Office Act 1838, or to which that Act was applied, which at the commencement of this Act are in the custody of the Master of the Rolls in pursuance of that Act, and
- (b) all records (within the meaning of the said Act or to which that Act was applied) which at the commencement of this Act are in the Public Record Office and, in pursuance of the said Act, under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls, and
- (c) all records forming part of the same series as any series of documents falling under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph [^{F188}other than any which are Welsh public records (as defined in [^{F189}the Government of Wales Act 2006])].

Textual Amendments

6

- **F188** Words in Sch. 1 para. 6 inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, **Sch. 12 para. 3(5)** (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- **F189** Words in Sch. 1 para. 6 substituted by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 160(1), {Sch. 10 para. 7(c)}, the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

Marginal Citations

M10 1838 c. 94.

Power to add further categories of records and to determine cases of doubt

- (1) Without prejudice to the Lord Chancellor's power of making orders under paragraph 4 of this Schedule, Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any description of records not falling within the foregoing provisions of this Schedule [^{F190}and not being Welsh public records (as defined in [^{F191}the Government of Wales Act 2006])] shall be treated as public records for the purposes of this Act but no recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty in Council to make an Order under this sub-paragraph unless a draft of the Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
 - (2) A question whether any records or description of records are public records for the purposes of this Act shall be referred to and determined by the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chancellor shall include his decisions on such questions in his annual report to Parliament and shall from time to time compile and publish lists of the departments, bodies, establishments, courts and tribunals comprised in paragraphs

2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule and lists describing more particularly the categories of records which are, or are not, public records as defined in this Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- **F190** Words in Sch. 1 para. 7(1) inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 38, s. 125, Sch. 12 para. 3(6) (with ss. 139(2), 141(1)); S.I. 1999/782, art. 2
- **F191** Words in Sch. 1 para. 7(1) substituted by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 160(1), {Sch. 10 para. 7(d)}, the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

Interpretation

It is hereby declared that any description of government department, court, tribunal or other body or establishment in this Schedule by reference to which a class of public records is framed extends to a government department, court, tribunal or other body or establishment, as the case may be, which has ceased to exist, whether before or after the passing of this Act.

F192SECOND SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments F192 Sch. 2 repealed (1.1.2005) by 2000 c. 36, ss. 67, 86, 87(3), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 3, Sch. 8 Pt. III; S.I. 2004/3122, art. 2

^{F193}THIRD SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments F193 Sch. 3 repealed by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48, SIF 67A), s. 303(2), Sch. 8

^{F194}FOURTH SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F194 Sch. 4 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), Sch. Pt. XI

8

Changes to legislation: Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/04/2010.

Changes to legislation:

Public Records Act 1958 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.