



# Public Records Act 1958

## 1958 CHAPTER 51

### **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.

- (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.