



Public Records Act 1958

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1 General responsibility of the ^[F1]Secretary of State for public records.

- (1) ^[F2]The^[F3]Secretary of State 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 ^[F4]Secretary of State 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 ^[F4]Secretary of State on such terms as he may specify.

^[F5](2A) The matters on which the Advisory Council on Public Records may advise the ^[F6]Secretary of State 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 ^[F7]Secretary of State 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** Words in s. 1 substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(3)(b)**
- F2** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(3)(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(3)(a)**
- F5** 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)**

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- F6** Words in s. 1(2A) substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(3)(a)**
- F7** Words in s. 1(3) substituted (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 1(3)(a)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1(1)(2): transfer of functions (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), arts. 1(2), **6(1)(a)**, (2)(a) (with art. 7)
- C2** S. 1(3): transfer of functions (9.12.2015) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Information and Public Records\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1897\)](#), arts. 1(2), **6(1)(a)**, (2)(a) (with art. 7)

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