

**SUMMARY**  
**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES'**  
**RECORDS DECISION PANEL, 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

**Ministry of Defence (MOD) Appraisal Report**

The Panel approved a draft Appraisal Report which had been submitted by MOD outlining which records it will select and transfer to The National Archives. This report does not cover the records of the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), The Defence Geographic Centre (DGC) and UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) who are responsible for selecting their own records. The draft MOD Appraisal Report will be published on The National Archives' website for a three month consultation period.

**Revision of Operational Selection Policy (OSP) 40: Records of Indictable Criminal Proceedings**

The Panel approved an updated version of OSP 40 which had been submitted by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). This new version has the plain English title of "Records of the Crown Court and Court of Appeal" and the content of the document is more concise and direct. In particular, in the new OSP the Ministry of Justice proposes to select all Crown Court Indictments rather than prioritising those which have corresponding indices (finding aids). MoJ no longer recommend selecting the Crown Court Indictment Indices as they are incomplete and require an 84 year closure. Instead MoJ propose to retain the indices for administrative purposes and will provide a search service for members of the public.

The draft updated OSP 40 will be published on The National Archives' website for a three month consultation period.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on **25 February 2014 at 3pm**