

**SUMMARY**  
**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES'**  
**RECORDS DECISION PANEL, 26 FEBRUARY 2013**

**Social Security and Child Support Tribunal Records 1948 – 2005**  
**Paper files**

The Panel reflected on the fact that The National Archives already held some Social Security and Child Support Tribunal decisions from 1948 to 1984 (612 pieces). However, these were only the “starred” cases that had been considered important at the time as they dealt with points of law or unusual cases.

The Ministry of Justice and the Tribunal Judge believed that this snapshot was insufficient and that a complete set of the decisions would offer more value to researchers. The Ministry of Justice therefore wished to transfer their complete set of all the decisions from 1948 to 2005 to The National Archives. This would mean the duplication and redundancy of the 612 already held records.

The Panel concurred that The National Archives should take the Ministry of Justice’s complete set of Tribunal decisions as this would best demonstrate the evolution of the social security system.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held **on 23 April 2013 at 2pm**