

SUMMARY
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES'
RECORDS DECISION PANEL, 30 JANUARY 2017

Holocaust Commission Report 2015

Transfer and storage of testimonies of British Holocaust survivors and liberators

(112 testimonies stored on Hard Disk Drives and LTO 6 tapes, each with an accompanying Word document transcript; total size 339TB).

The fourth recommendation of the Prime Minister's Holocaust Commission report (January 2015) was to record and preserve the testimony of British Holocaust survivors and liberators. The Panel agreed that the 112 testimonies of British Holocaust survivors and liberators should be selected for permanent preservation at The National Archives. The Panel noted that there was still much work to be done before these testimonies could be transferred. The National Archives' Digital Preservation team will be checking that the correct metadata is being captured whilst The National Archives' Freedom of Information Centre will address access issues.

Welsh Government Operational Selection Policy 2011-2016

The Panel agreed that this Operational Selection Policy should be published on The National Archives' website for a three month consultation period.

Veterinary Medicines Directorate Appraisal Report

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) is an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The Panel learned that this is the first Appraisal Report the agency has produced and it has not yet transferred any records to The National Archives. The Panel noted that the Appraisal Report did not recommend selection of many VMD records as much is already published or is led on by DEFRA. The Panel agreed that this Appraisal Report should be published on The National Archives' website for a three month consultation period.

Cabinet Office Legacy Project

The Panel welcomed progress and agreed that The National Archives should continue to support Cabinet Office.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 23 March 2017 at 3pm.