



# Public Records Act 1958

## CHAPTER 51

### PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958

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#### SCHEDULES

##### FIRST SCHEDULE — Definition of Public Records

- 1 The provisions of this Schedule shall have effect for determining...

##### *Departmental records*

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, administrative and...
- 3 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) of...

##### *Records of courts and tribunals*

- 4 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, records of...

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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*Records of the Chancery of England*

5 The records of the Chancery of England shall be public...

*Records in Public Record Office*

6 Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, public...

*Power to add further categories of records and to determine cases of doubt*

7 (1) Without prejudice to the Lord Chancellor's power of making...

*Interpretation*

8 It is hereby declared that any description of government department,...

SECOND — Enactments prohibiting disclosure of information obtained from  
SCHEDULE the public

THIRD SCHEDULE — Consequential Amendments

*The Forgery Act, 1913 (3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 27)*

*The Public Records (Scotland) Act, 1937 (1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 43)*

*The Copyright Act, 1956 (4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 74)*

FOURTH SCHEDULE — Repeals