ANNUAL RELEASE OF PUBLIC RECORDS – NIO PERFORMANCE

Under the Public Records Act (1958) government departments are required to identify records worthy of permanent preservation and transfer them to The National Archives (TNA). The passing of the Constitutional Reform and Governance (CRAG) Act 2010 means that government departments must now transfer their records to TNA at the end of 20 years rather than 30 years as previously.

A further requirement of the CRAG Act is that TNA must monitor compliance by departments and publish the statistical results of that monitoring process. TNA will begin publishing the Records Transfer Reports on their website in this January.

The NIO, with about 80 other government agencies participated in the TNA pilot monitoring scheme and the NIO results are below. Although it is not clear from the figures, the results show that the NIO is fully compliant with the transfer programme and is in an advanced state of progress in dealing with legacy records.

1. Organisation detai	il	
Department/agency*	The Northern Ireland Office	
Web address*	www.nio.gov.uk	
2. Units of measure		
How many files do you metre?	u usually transfer per 24 files = 1 linear met	re
The following are give in*:	Files	

3. Records due for transfer

For the year(s) ending	pre-1981	1981/2	1983/4
Total records/files held for this period*	1408	3080	3432
Records/files selected for transfer*	457	957	946
Awaiting Advisory Council approval*	12	12	96
Planned total for year-end transfer*	457	957	946