

Background

1. These are two of 12 PQs from Jenny Willott. Most of the PQs are about DH cooperation with the Archer inquiry and past papers on blood policy.
2. Seven volumes of files on the ACSVB (vol 1-3 and 18-21) remain. The majority of files were destroyed in error (vol 4-17).
3. We are unclear about the reference to audit certificates in the question. We do however, have file dockets for the files that were destroyed. Local dockets held by the policy Branch state the file and file number and the branch review decision for each file which is registered. Similar dockets held by the Departmental Record Office record the date of destruction of each file. The actual instructions to destroy the files would have been written on the covers of the files, and consequently destroyed with the rest of each file. The audit report refers to file dockets and sets out the sequence of events which led to the destruction of files.