

**The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs statement on publication of The National Archives' Information Management Assessment report**

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I am pleased to champion the publication of the report by The National Archives on how we are meeting our information management responsibilities.

During September 2017, The National Archives carried out an independent re-assessment of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as part of the cross-government Information Assessment programme and reviewed how far we have progressed since their previous review in 2011.

I am encouraged to note that we have been assessed as satisfactory in most areas and responded positively to the digital and "Better information for better government" initiatives. There are a few areas where further development is needed and we have produced an action plan to address these.

Information is a key business asset and how we manage it is vital to our business efficiency, delivering services to our customers and collaborating effectively with business partners. We look forward to engaging with The National Archives in this programme of continuous improvement.

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