**MEDIA CONFERENCE:**

**Secrecy and accountability: archives in a WikiLeaks world**

**International Council on Archives (ICA) Congress, 20–24 August**

***Sustainability, Identity and Trust***

**Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre**

Media are invited to attend the ICA Congress keynote presentation tackling the theme of *Identity* for Archives by:

**Dame Stella Rimington**

**Former Head of the British Security Service, MI5**

**TOPIC: Secrecy and accountability: archives in a WikiLeaks world
WEDNESDAY 22 August**

**10–10.30am (media conference 10.30am)**

**Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Great Hall 1 & 2**

**A media conference** with Dame Stella Rimington will follow her keynote address in the Great Hall, to be held at 10am, Mezzanine Concourse (near VIP Suite).

**Also attending** the media conference and available for interviews will be David Fricker, Director- General, National Archives of Australia.

**You must register** your interest with Shaun Rohrlach, Director Communications and Programs, National Archives of Australia. Phone +61 434 664 621 or email shaun.rohrlach@naa.gov.au

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Dame Stella Rimington was Director General of the British Security Service, MI5, from 1992 to 1996. Her career in MI5 spanned nearly 40 years – she was the first female Director General, and the first Director General to be publicly named on appointment. She was appointed a Dame Commander of Order of the Bath in 1996.

Prior to her career in MI5, Dame Stella trained and worked as an archivist and, since her retirement, has pursued this interest through her membership of the Archives Task Force, which reviewed the state of archives in the United Kingdom.

Since her retirement, Dame Stella has published a bestselling autobiography, *Open Secret*, and seven novels. She has also been a trustee and board member of a number of charitable institutions and companies, including Marks & Spencer, the BG Group, the Institute of Cancer Research, the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital, Refuge and the International Spy Museum.