



Ref: FOI2023-012

[REDACTED]

21st March 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request for the following information:

*You mention 'the results' of your search based on the parameters I gave you last time. I assume this is a total number of emails, inside which the search terms have appeared? And the costs you would incur would therefore be going through those emails one at a time, to see if the information within is in scope of the request?*

*If this is correct, perhaps it would be easiest if you could let me have a total number of the emails returned in the search?*

*If you refine the search to emails sent within the past 12 months, would that bring it within your costs limit?*

*If not, would it be possible to have a random selection of say 10 emails from within your latest search?*

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Thorough searches have been carried out to locate the information you requested and we can confirm that the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) does not hold any relevant information.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (advice and assistance) you might find it helpful to note that your assumption regarding the costs incurred towards your previous request were partly correct, as previously explained to you the cost of just running and exporting the search already exceeded the cost limit before we even started going through the emails one at a time.

Per your request, this time we refined the search to the past 12 months – we were able to complete this within the cost limit but nothing of relevance to your request for information about urine monitoring of servicemen during the nuclear tests was found.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to [information.requests@awe.co.uk](mailto:information.requests@awe.co.uk) or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act



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Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team

