



Ref : FOI2024-007

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 requesting the following information:

*"I would like to make a request under the relevant legislation for the following information:*

*\* How many serving members of the government have the required level of security clearance needed to access all parts of the Merlin database*

*\* If any do, their level of government - ie Parliamentary Under-Secretary, junior minister, Cabinet level"*

We have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has been conducted within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) and we can confirm the AWE does hold not any information in scope of your request.

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

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 Act you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team