



Ref: FOI2023-022

[REDACTED]

20th July 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

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

- 1. Confirmation (YES/NO) of whether AWE holds records about blood or urine testing of servicemen who were deployed, due to be deployed, or had recently been deployed, at atmospheric nuclear weapons testing and subsequent clean-ups between 1952 and 1967;*
- 2. Whether these records are about the requirement to test, process of testing, or the results of testing;*
- 3. The security classification and format (eg paper, digital, microfiche) of this documentation;*
- 4. What records, if any, AWE holds of documents that can be described as Army Form 20 or 21; F Med 4, 7, 12 or 29;*

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

A search for the requested information within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has now been complete, and we will answer each question in turn:

- 1. Confirmation (YES/NO) of whether AWE holds records about blood or urine testing of servicemen who were deployed, due to be deployed, or had recently been deployed, at atmospheric nuclear weapons testing and subsequent clean-ups between 1952 and 1967;*

We have repeated our searches and have not located any new information. Please refer to: Q9 of previous response FOI2022-035: [Follow-up-to-Bioassay-samples-question.pdf \(awe.co.uk\)](#) and to the note entitled 'UK Personnel for Duty at Maralinga' which is available at: [blood-doc01.jpg \(1500x2122\) \(mirror.co.uk\)](#)

Please refer to: [Written questions and answers - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

Please refer to: [Nuclear test vet heroes denied truth as government 'committed crimes against own servicemen' - Mirror Online](#) where the document dated 07/11/58.

Please refer to [Question-about-blood-and-urine-monitoring.pdf \(awe.co.uk\)](#)

We also have previously guided you to the Australian National Archives as there is a number of documents, including court transcripts that may be of use to you. You can search for them here : [Home page | naa.gov.au](#)



2. *Whether these records are about the requirement to test, process of testing, or the results of testing;*

This is not a question under the FoI regime, however, under Section 16, the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, we can suggest that one document refers to the requirement to test, and the second provides a set of blood test results.

3. *The security classification and format (eg paper, digital, microfiche) of this documentation;*

These are digitised documents and classified 'Official'.

4. *What records, if any, AWE holds of documents that can be described as Army Form 20 or 21; F Med 4, 7, 12 or 29;*

We have searched our databases for the following: Army Form 20 or 21; F Med 4, 7, 12 or 29 and can confirm a nil return, no documents were located at this time using this search criteria. Presume no information held.

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 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 2000 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