

Ref: FOI2024-032

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25 June 2024

Dear ██████████

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

- * A summary of all information held about 'ARCHIVE A6.1' and 'TEST VETERAN ARCHIVE A38.1'
- * A summary of all information held on a project or document titled 'H.1195'
- * A copy of AWE file reference AWE/HPRK/B/LET/DHEG/NTV/SN9903, consisting of cover sheet and four further pages, sent from AWE by fax at 1030am on 26/1/99
- * With regard to attached shot of https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66166f483fe61a4f683ea774/AustC_Bk23_064_Pr_op_redact_Redacted.pdf, which legal case was this document removed for discovery in; and what is behind the label

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

We can advise that whilst AWE Nuclear Security Technologies (AWE) may hold some information in scope of the subjects you have requested, we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit set out at Section 12 of the Act.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with these would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.25 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Although we may be able to answer part 1 of your request, to satisfy the parts 2, 3 and 4 of your requests; would require AWE to search through all electronic and paper files and all currently held correspondence which would exceed the cost limit. It is estimated that it would cost £94,600 and take roughly 467 working days to search the entirety of the electronic data base and the paper archives to locate the information. This is because no results were found in the preliminary searches, therefore all documents would have to be searched thoroughly. Where section 12 applies to one part of a request; we are required to refuse all parts of the request, as defined in the cost limit guidance as advised by the Information Commissioner's Office.

If you were to refine your request so it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. It is most likely the first point could be answered without exceeding the limit, however it is likely that the other parts of the request will exceed the limit even if broken down and submitted separately. By reducing the volume of your request and narrowing the scope of your request, e.g. focusing on precisely what information you are looking for then we may be able to answer a refined request within the cost limit.

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

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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