

Ref: FOI2024- 051

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Dear Mr Owen,

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

I am requesting information in relation to the attached document which states that bone sampling was carried out in 1957-1958 with samples returned to AWRE for analysis.

Please provide the following:

- 1. Details of the program and details of who ordered these samples*
- 2. Full results of the samples and the outcome of the study*
- 3. Details of the consent obtained to use these samples from the families*
- 4. Details of any monies paid to the researchers for the samples*
- 5. Details of when the program ended and if this practise is still continuing*

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

We can confirm that AWE holds some of the information in scope of your request.

In relation to the information you have requested in questions 1,2, and 5 within the exemption provided for under section 21 of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means). Information in scope of your request can be found below.

Question 1:

Details of the program and details of who organised and ran the programme can be found in:

- [The Redfern Inquiry into human tissue analysis in UK nuclear facilities - Volume 1 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). (Chapter 11, paragraph 44-46)
- [Radiological health hazards: hazards caused by strontium 90 | The National Archives](#)
- [Search results: ES18/149 | The National Archives](#)

Question 2:

The results of the samples and the outcome of the study can also be found in:

- [Radiological health hazards: hazards caused by strontium 90 | The National Archives](#)
- [Search results: ES18/149 | The National Archives](#)

Question 5:

Details of when the program ended can also be found at:

- [Search results: ES18/149 | The National Archives](#)

- [Wayback Machine \(archive.org\)](#)

Thorough searches have been carried out to locate the information you requested in relation to questions 3 and 4 and we can confirm that AWE is unable to locate any relevant information.

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