

Ref: FOI2024-008

7th March

Dear

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

I am unable to identify via Contracts Finder any contracts awarded for the provision of facilities management for AWE. Therefore, under the Freedom of Information act please could you confirm if there are existing contracts for the provision of Facilities Management services for the AWE Estate or if this service is delivered by in-house teams?

If there are contracts in place, please could you advise the following:

- 1. Contract start & end dates?
- 2. Extensions available to the contracts, including any extensions already taken?
- 3. Total contract value?
- 4. Incumbent supplier(s)?
- 5. Provide a PDF copy of the service specification?
- 6. Who the Senior Responsible Owner for the contracts is?

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 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 it 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.

AWE estimates that to provide the information requested would take over 35 hours to review and locate each contract as they are held across different areas of the business.

Under Section 16, advice and guidance we may be able to help with your request if you specify a defined time period, for example FY 2021-2022.

Please note that if you break your request down into several smaller requests, we may still consider that your requests falls under the cost limit in their entirety.







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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