

Ref: FOI2023-025

[REDACTED]

8th August 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

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

I'd like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following:

- *whether AWE holds information about blood or urine testing of Australian service personnel during or after the UK atomic weapons tests*
- *a list, summary or description of any information that is held*

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 completed, and we can confirm that the majority of the documentation that you requested falls under Section 21 of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means) We are able to disclose that the following documents are available from:

The National Archive at Kew (TNA):

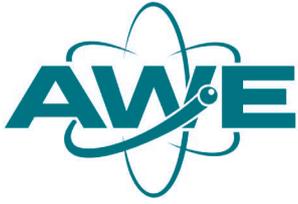
ES1/745 Trials: signals from CRO
ES1/478 RAF operations
ES1/760 Operation Antler: general arrangements
ES20/16 Early exchange of letters between Lord John Butterfield, William Penney and the Medical Research Council

The National Archive of Australia (NAA):

A6448 Transcript of Proceedings Date 31/10/84 - 13/11/84 PPs 2107 - 2944 [Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia]
A6455 Memorandum of arrangements between Australian and United Kingdom governments - Atomic weapons proving ground - Maralinga - 7 March 1956 - Presented 11/9/84 at Adelaide
A6448 Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia During the 1950s and 1960s - Transcripts of proceedings

The following document is held at AWE:

Special Medical Examinations – Blood Test – Australian services Task Force – Administrative Instruction No 35/36 Special Medical Examinations - Addendum.



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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