

Ref: FOI2025-034

18 August 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

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

*I would like to make a request under the relevant legislation for the following information.*

*In an email sent on January 9 by AWE to me, in relation to FOI request FOI2024-064, the AWE stated: "Previously the AWE provided you with a partial list of files that had already been recorded [a list of documents tagged with keywords 'blood' and 'urine' disclosed in FOI2023-026]. This list was not created to fulfil your request but was existing recorded information that could be disclosed to you." Full email reproduced below.*

*The information I am seeking is the reason for which the list of documents provided in FOI2023-026, and referenced in FOI2024-064, was originally created, why AWE held it, and what it related to, along with a description of any other information held alongside it.*

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

A search has been carried out to locate the information you requested, and we can confirm that AWE has not been able to locate any recorded information to be able to provide answers to your questions.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, (advice and assistance), we are able to advise that although AWE does not hold a document stating the reasons why the list was created, we are able to confirm it was created to facilitate the processing of FOI requests received into the department.

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](mailto: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