

Ref: FOI2025-039

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18 August 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

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

"Please provide the number of AWE staff who have been compensated under the Compensation Scheme for Radiation Linked Diseases who were present at the British Nuclear Tests. Please provide the number of staff and the amount of compensation paid to them."

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 relevant information.

Under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide advice and assistance, it may be helpful to clarify that the personnel present at the British Nuclear Tests were not employees of AWE, but rather of its predecessor, the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment (AWRE). Two AWRE staff members were successful in their compensation claims for radiation-related illnesses. It is important to note that the compensation scheme monitors full career exposure to ionising radiation. These AWRE employees were monitored throughout the entirety of their careers in the nuclear industry, not solely for their attendance at the British Nuclear Tests.

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