

Ref: FOI2025-048

06 October 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request 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."

You now state the list was created to assist in handling FOI requests.

I would therefore like to ask for a) the date the list was created b) where the list is held c) the parameters used to produce the list d) the dates on which the list has been accessed since its creation

The AWE has repeatedly stated that the 150 documents detailed on the list are the ONLY documents that reference blood or urine testing, and this has since been proven to be incorrect. Therefore the list relied upon seems to be incomplete, and insufficient grounds for declarations made by AWE to ministers. Please provide, if possible, any and all information held about and connected to this list of 150 documents, as it is in the public interest to make it clear when and how it was generated, who by, and for what ends.

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 holds part of the information in scope of your request.

We are able to release the following information:

The parameters used to produce the list were the search terms 'blood' and 'urine' in the Merlin database.

However, in relation to the other parts of your request, AWE can confirm that we are unable to locate any relevant information.

At this time there is no meaningful advice and assistance that we can offer under section 16 of the Act.

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