

Ref: FOI2025-051

23 September 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

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

"In a previous request, FOI2024-037, AWE stated that an archive titled A38.1 held "details of individuals issued with a security passes at the Maralinga site".

** Please provide me with a total number of individuals for whom Maralinga security passes were issued, based on the contents of A38.1"*

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 hold around 6380 photocopies of passes within Archive A38.1, with the original passes being held by The National Archives of Australia.

Under Section 16 of the Act (the duty to provide advice and assistance), we would like to clarify that the Australian authorities rather than the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment were responsible for issuing the Maralinga security passes and AWE is therefore unable to provide the total number of individuals issued with passes.

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