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Dear Mr Conn,

We are writing to provide you with a response to your request, dated 23 August 2018, for the following information:

“How many contracts were awarded without due (competitive) tender process by the Atomic Weapons Authority. How many of these were then re-awarded to the same company whose trade name had been changed.”

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and we can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16(1) of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to requesters, so it may be helpful if I provide some additional clarification.

The information you have requested relates to the day to day running of AWE, which includes as part of the Management and Operations contract, the selection of subcontractors and award of sub-contracts. This information is therefore not held by the MOD. AWE plc is not a public authority and is therefore not subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

AWE is a Government Owned Contractor Operated establishment. The MOD's Management and Operation contractor is AWE Management Limited (AWEML), a consortium comprising three partners – Serco Group plc, the Lockheed Martin Corporation and Jacobs Engineering Group. A separate company under AWEML, called AWE plc which is responsible for the day-to-day running of AWE. AWE plc holds the necessary nuclear site licences and discharge authorisations issued by the external regulators, principally the Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency. Managed by a company Board, AWE plc essentially comprises the workforce. AWE sites, buildings and equipment are MOD owned.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat