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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2016, to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) requesting the following information:

"Please advise the total number of War Pensions that have been awarded to individuals, for radiation sickness from any of the British Nuclear Tests held in Australia and Christmas Island. The War Pensions were paid by SPVA, and it is a small field of less than 200. Even though SPVA has been absorbed by Veterans UK, it should not be difficult or lengthy to filter out a few hundred people. Many of the recipients are already dead. Therefore, it would be helpful if you would filter out the three classes of: 1. Living 2. Dead but active Widow Pension 3. Terminated".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

I can advise that no claims have been awarded under the War Pension Scheme for the condition 'radiation sickness'.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent and reliable data collection processes to support informed decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in enhancing data management and analysis. It discusses how modern software solutions can streamline workflows and improve the accuracy of data processing.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data security and privacy. It provides strategies to mitigate risks and ensure that sensitive information is protected at all times.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It stresses the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the organization remains compliant with all relevant regulations and standards.