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Thank you for your email of 30 October 2023 and subsequent clarification email of 16 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"Please could you provide details of the latest medal applications under the Freedom of Information legislation:

- 1. Total medal applications
- 2. Total medals distributed, broken down by veterans and NOK...to date for the NTV Medals only. (Nuclear Test Veterans)".

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 MOD and I can confirm all information in scope of your request is held and is shown below, accurate to 30 November 2023:

Total applications received	3,785
Total despatched to Veterans	2,004
Total despatched to Next of Kin	239

Under Section 16 Advice and Guidance, you may be interested to know that 57 medals are approved and awaiting dispatch to Veterans, and 942 to next of Kin.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information

Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>.

Yours sincerely



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