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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“Please treat this request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you supply the number of nuclear test veteran medals applied for, dispatched, denied and awaiting processing broken down by veteran and next of kin applications.”

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 that all the information in scope of your request is held and detailed in the tables below:

Veterans Application				
DESPATCHED	APPROVED	UNDER INVESTIGATION	REJECTED	Total
2569	12	97	35	2713

Next of Kin Application				
DESPATCHED	APPROVED	UNDER INVESTIGATION	REJECTED	Total
1776	76	172	76	2100

Please note that data was taken as at 24 April 2024. Rejections include cases where the applicant was not the official Next of Kin to award the medal to or they did not provide the necessary missing documentation.

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 <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



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