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Dear [REDACTED]

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

"Please treat this request as a Freedom of Information Request: In relation to the Nuclear test Veteran Medal, please supply the following figures broken down by veteran and next of kin; The number of applications for the Nuclear Test Veterans medal. The number of approvals for the Nuclear Test Veterans Medal. The number of medals despatched for the Nuclear Test Veterans. The number of applications denied Also please supply: The number of overseas medals awarded / denied by country, again broken down by veteran and next of kin."

And your further clarification on 19 June confirming:

"For clarification, it is applications received from non UK addresses. So the country of origin from the application."

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 the information in scope of your request is held and detailed in Annex A.

Please note that the data is up to date as of 26 June. Cases that have been 'rejected' include not only those where official documented evidence cannot be located to validate entitlement, but also because there are closer Next of Kin in accordance with the MOD Medal policy, or because evidence determined that the Nuclear Test the Service person supported was not a UK or one of the US Operational tests that are covered within the qualifying criteria

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.

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Yours sincerely

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	Approved	Despatched	Rejected	Under Assessment	No Response from Applicant	Total Number of Applications Received
Australia	25	253	10	19	0	307
Next of Kin	16	79	5	10	0	110
Veterans	9	174	5	9	0	197
Austria	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Canada	0	37	3	3	0	43
Next of Kin	0	13	2	1	0	16
Veterans	0	24	1	2	0	27
Cyprus	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	0	2	0	0	0	2
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fiji	0	58	0	0	0	58
Unknown (Managed via Fiji)	0	53	0	0	0	53
Next of Kin	0	5	0	0	0	5
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	10	0	2	0	12
Next of Kin	0	2	0	1	0	3
Veterans	0	8	0	1	0	9
Germany	0	2	0	0	0	2
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Guernsey	0	4	0	0	0	4
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	3	0	0	0	3
Hong Kong	0	2	0	0	0	2
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jersey	0	7	1	0	0	8
Next of Kin	0	2	1	0	0	3
Veterans	0	5	0	0	0	5

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Malaysia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta	0	2	0	0	0	2
Next of Kin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	2	0	0	0	2
New Zealand	1	99	2	24	0	126
Next of Kin	1	39	1	14	0	55
Veterans	0	60	1	10	0	71
Peru	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
Republic Of Ireland	1	9	1	0	0	11
Next of Kin	1	4	0	0	0	5
Veterans	0	5	1	0	0	6
South Korea	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	14	0	0	0	14
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	13	0	0	0	13
Switzerland	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thailand	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	1	0	0	0	1
The Netherlands	0	1	0	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	1	0	0	1
Next of Kin	0	0	1	0	0	1
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK	122	4004	126	140	2	4394
Next of Kin	91	1662	88	113	2	1956
Veterans	31	2342	38	27	0	2438
USA	0	15	1	0	0	16
Next of Kin	0	9	1	0	0	10
Veterans	0	6	0	0	0	6
Totals	149	4527	145	188	2	5011
Unknown (Managed via Fiji)	0	53	0	0	0	53
Next of Kin	109	1825	99	139	2	2174
Veterans	40	2649	46	49	0	2784
Grand Total	149	4527	145	188	2	5011