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AL YAMAMAH REPORT

Thank you for your request of 17 July 2023 for a copy of the National Audit Office's (NAO) Al Yamamah report from 1992. You requested:

"I would like a copy of the report from 1992, the one that has yet to be published, into the Al-Yamama deals, please. After all, this is what accountability means. If you have nothing to hide then you have nothing to fear. Please attach it to an email and forward it to the email address below. Or if necessary, I can arrange for a hard copy."

We have handled your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I can confirm that we do not hold a copy of the report you have requested. Our records show that the report was destroyed as there was no business need for the NAO to retain it.

In addition, as we explained in our previous responses of 14 March 2018 and 19 December 2019, the report is covered by parliamentary privilege. I have included a link to the Statement by the then Chairman of the Committee of Public Accounts in 2006 confirming that the report has the status of unreported evidence to the House of Commons from a previous Parliament and can only be released on a resolution of the House:

[\[ARCHIVED CONTENT\] Committee of Public Accounts - UK Parliament \(mirrorweb.com\)](#)

I am sorry that we cannot assist you further on this occasion. **Annex A** sets out the steps you should take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Alternatively you can contact the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.