



Reference: R33931191

FOI 370/17/18 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

“I seek the following documents relevant to the management of MR/000581 within Defence:

- *Any OAIC requests for submissions by Defence*
- *All Defence correspondence exchanged among Defence officials relating to the OAIC request, including the:*
 - o Request from Defence’s IMAB branch to the subject matter expert, including any attachments*
 - o Correspondence exchanged by Defence officials relevant to Defence request for “an extension to 6 July”*
 - o Consultation on the response by the subject matter expert with other Defence officials, including calendar meeting records, and file notes*
 - o subject matter expert response to IMAB which formed the italicised basis of Ms Kopec’s email.*
- *Any record of FOI training completed by relevant E&IG Defence personnel involved subsequent to the ruling of the AIC.*

Excluding personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeys numbers and mobile telephone numbers, contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request. In addition, excluding duplicates of documents, and documents sent to and from you. Furthermore, Defence only considers final versions of documents.”

FOI decision maker

2. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Documents identified

3. I identified fifteen documents as matching the description of the request.
4. I have added an FOI reference number and Serial number to each of the documents.


Decision

5. I have decided to:
 - a. release fifteen documents in full; and
 - b. remove irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines);
 - e. advice received from Estate and Infrastructure Group; and
 - f. advice received from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) and E&IG.

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