



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

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**FOI 484/17/18 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 details on relevant monies spent on taxi/public transport (surface travel) and the number of flights Defence makes in and out of Brisbane Domestic and International Airport. The information sought will be used solely in the drafting of a Business Plan and Business Proposal including cost comparisons and proposed potential savings analysis to be presented to the ADO.*

*The information requested is financial reports of relative monies spent as follows:*

- *The total expenditure of relevant monies spent on general travel and training travel surface transport for ADO for FY16/17 and FY17/18 (1st quarter to current). Parameters requested including dates and charges of individual transactions if possible, or total expense broken down into FY quarterly periods; and*
- *The total expenditure of relevant monies spent on transport to and from medical appointments including taxis, buses and parking fees for the ADO over FY16/17 and FY17/18 (1st quarter to current). Parameters requested including dates and charges of individual transactions if possible, or totally expense broken down into FY quarterly periods.*

*In addition, I would like to obtain (perhaps through QBT) how many flights the ADO completes/books arriving into and departing from Brisbane Domestic and International Airports over FY 16/17 and FY17/18 (1st quarter to current).*

*Thank you for your time and consideration, if there are any aspects of this request that do not meet the legislative boundaries please advise me of any amendments required that would enable provision of the requested information.”*

**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 three documents as matching the description of the request.
- a. Defence Flights to/from Brisbane Airport
  - b. Cash Expenditure on Travel - 2016-17 Periods 1-12
  - c. Cash Expenditure on Travel - 2017-18 Periods 1-9

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release three documents in full.

**Material taken into account**

5. 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); and
  - e. advice received from the Chief Finance Officer Group (CFOG), Estate and Infrastructure Group (E&IG) and the Department of Finance.

**Clarification/Context Statement**

6. I note that your request sought '*total expenditure of relevant monies spent on... surface transport*' and '*dates and charges of individual transactions if possible*'. The advice received from CFOG and E&IG was that these elements are not separately identified in the financial or travel systems and therefore it is not possible to produce this information in a report that is readily available. Additionally, it would make the number of pages subject to the request too large to process.

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