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FOI 0037/20/21 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:

"Copy of the rationale provided to Rear Admiral Ritchie that formed the basis for his decision referencing paragraph 2 of the attached document 'Instrument of Determining Eligibility under the Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986'"

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 two documents as matching the description of the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to release the following documents in full:

i. 'Allotment of Veterans as a result of the Review of Service Entitlement anomalies in respect of South East Asian Service 1955-75 (the Mohr Review) dated 22 Dec 2000. Including:


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; and
   d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).
Reasons for decision

6. Upon examination of the documents, I identified no FOI exemptions and that the documents could therefore be released in full.

COL Kirk Lloyd
Accredited Decision Maker
Defence People Group

14/08/2020