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DEFENCE FOI 408/21/22 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:

“Following the senate estimates hearing (2021-22 Supplementary Budget Estimates) on 27 October 2021, the Department of Defence responded to Senator Whish-Wilson’s questions via the following:

Question No.29: Answered on: 01/02/2022

APH Answer Attachment

Link: <https://www.aph.gov.au/api/qon/downloadattachment?attachmentId=f7805cb7-aabc-47be-b2f7-9d1a2616d30a>

Question No.90: Answered on: 06/12/2021

APH Answer Attachment Link:

<https://www.aph.gov.au/api/qon/downloadattachment?attachmentId=4bac42e4-2853-49e1-b4a5-e917d9e964b2>

I kindly request all email communications that informed the conclusions and subsequent responses by the Department of Defence, as documented in Question No.29 and Question No.90 (refer highlighted copy in the attached). The date range for this request is the period commencing 27 October 2021 and ending 2 February 2022 inclusive. I also kindly request that personal details be limited to the full names of individuals involved in any applicable FOI response.”

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 four documents as matching the description of the request.

Exclusions

4. Personal mobile telephone numbers contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request, are excluded from this request.

Decision

5. I have decided to release four documents in full, removing 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; and
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

Further Information

7. Reference Item 2, Document 1 in relation to responses to the questions presented to Defence Aviation Safety Authority, these responses were communicated via a phone conversation.

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