



DEFENCE FOI 961/23/24

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 5 June 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

“Sydney Live-In Accommodation (Sydney LIA) Project at Randwick Barracks

In relation to this project, in relation to the Department of Defence, can you please advise:

For the period 1st January 2019 to today, 7th June 2024 –

- 1. Documentation evidencing the names of consulting firms / organisations, engaged / contracted to work on this project*
- 2. Documentation evidencing the amounts paid to date to each of these; this can be in the form of copies of summary document/s or report/s or records*
- 3. Documentation evidencing the amounts still to be paid to each of these for contracts entered into during this time period, but not yet completed; this can be in the form of copies of summary document/s or report/s or records.*

Documentation can be in the form of copies of summary document/s or report/s or records. I am not requesting individual documents; for a project of this size and scale there would certainly be a management report/s which would provide a summary of costs / expenses; as the project has now been postponed, there would certainly be a summary report as at suspension date; that is what I am requesting. If the documentation is publicly available, there is no requirement to refer this request to a third party, and must be provided to me within the 30 day statutory period.”



FOI decision maker

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

Document identified

7. I identified one document matching the description of the request.




Decision

8. I have decided to release one document in full.

Material taken into account

9. In making my decision, I had regard to:
 - a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified document 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).

10. The identified document lists invoices entered into the project report controlled by the Estate and Security Group, and displays costs paid to consulting firms and organisations as at June 2024. It is possible further costs may be associated with the project.

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Accredited Decision Maker
Estate and Security Group