



DEFENCE FOI 295/24/25

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 15 October 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act):

Could you please provide the contract which is signed by participants in the ADF Army gap year. Please ensure the documentation includes all terms and conditions such as the period of notice for termination [15 October 2024].

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 have identified two documents as falling within the scope of the request.

Exclusions

4. Mobile telephone numbers contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request, are excluded from this request. Defence has only considered final versions of documents.

Decision

5. I have decided to:
- a. release one document in full; and
 - b. partially release one document in accordance with section 22 [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act on the grounds that the deleted material is considered irrelevant.

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
 - c. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
 - d. information provided by subject matter experts within Defence.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 22 – Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

7. Section 22 of the FOI Act permits an agency to prepare and provide an edited copy of a document where the agency has decided to refuse access to an exempt document or that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.
8. The documents identified as being released in part contain exempt and irrelevant material such as mobile telephone numbers that do not relate to the request.
9. I am satisfied that it is reasonably practicable to remove the exempt and irrelevant material and release the documents to you in an edited form.

FURTHER INFORMATION

10. Some of the documents matching the scope of this request contained a dissemination limiting marker (DLM). Where documents have been approved for public release, the DLM has been struck through.

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