



DEFENCE FOI 258/24/25

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

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

“Under foi, I request the following:

The number of members, classified as other ranks, who transferred to ADFA to undertake university education between 2012 to present.”

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 no documents as falling within the scope of the request.
4. One document was generated under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of this request. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act:
 - a. written document was produced containing the information by using a ‘computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information’ (section 12(1)(c)(i)); and
 - b. producing the written document did not substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations (section 17(2)).

Decision

5. I have decided to release the document in full.

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified document in issue;
 - c. relevant provisions of 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. the ability to produce a document meeting the terms of the request in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act.

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Defence People Group
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