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Our reference: FOI 066/15/16



By email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your request of 8 September 2015 in which you requested access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:

I am seeking documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Specifically, I am seeking documents relating to the number of positive illicit drug tests recorded at Lavarack Barracks and RAAF Townsville (recorded separately and by financial year) as part of the Defence Force Illicit Drug Testing Program. This should include, but not be limited to, conventional illicit drugs, synthetic drugs etc. I am seeking data for the past three financial years, including 2014-15. Further, I am seeking this data to be broken down by Lavarack Barracks and RAAF Townsville and then the number of positive drug detections by drug type for each financial year, and what the outcome was (ie. discharge etc).

Background

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the decision relating to the documents that are the subject of your request.

FOI decision maker

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

Identified document & decision

The Directorate of Military People Policy within People Policy and Employment Conditions (PPEC) Branch provided a three-page document that matched the scope of your request. The document was created in accordance with section 17(c)(i) of the FOI Act based on records maintained by PPEC, as provided by each service. I have decided to release this document intact.

Payment of Charges

Upon completion of your request, the processing was calculated to be [REDACTED]. However, on this occasion, I have decided to cap the charges at the deposit amount already paid. Accordingly, the document in the form for release is at Enclosure 1.

FOI Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of section 11C of the FOI Act, Defence is required to publish details of information released under the FOI Act. Defence publishes identified documents relating to requests within five working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish this decision notice with privacy deletions.

Your Review Rights

Internal Review

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review of this decision. You must request a review, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter, or the date you receive the documents. Requests can be sent to:

Email: FOIRReview@defence.gov.au
 Fax: 02 626 62112
 Post: Freedom of Information Directorate - Reviews
 Department of Defence
 CP1-6-029
 PO Box 7910
 CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

Australian Information Commissioner

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are also entitled to request an external review of this decision by the Australian Information Commissioner. You have 60 days to lodge such a request, using one of the contact methods below:

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
 Phone: 1300 363 992
 Fax: 02 9284 9666
 Post: GPO Box 2999
 Canberra ACT 2601

Complaints

You may complain to Defence, the Information Commissioner or the Commonwealth Ombudsman about an action taken by Defence in the exercise of its power or the performance of its functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. Should you wish to complain to the Department of Defence, your complaint can be addressed to Mr Tony Corcoran using the contact details below:

Email: tony.corcoran@defence.gov.au
 Post: Tony Corcoran
 Assistant Secretary Information Management and Access Branch
 CP1-6-14
 PO Box 7911
 CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

Contact details for the Commonwealth Ombudsman are below:

Phone: 1300 362 072)
Fax: 02 6276 0123
Post: Commonwealth Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Contact details for the Information Commissioner are above.

Should you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact this office.

Yours sincerely



Linda McCann
Director
Information Access

23 October 2015

Enclosure:

1. Document in form for release