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By email: 

Dear 

NOTICE OF DECISION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

1. I refer to your emailed letter, dated 22 August 2013, in which you requested access, under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act), to:

*"...I am seeking access to documents identified in your decision letter relating to
Department of Defence: Senate Budget Estimates 3 - 4 June 2013.*

Specifically, I am seeking the following briefing papers:

51. Support for Physically and Mentally Injured and Ill ADF Personnel."

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

FOI decision maker

3. Mr Robert McKellar, Director, Workforce Strategy and Plans, Defence People Group was the accredited decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

4. Mr McKellar identified one document matching the scope of your request, titled *Senate Estimates Brief: Personnel03: Support for Physically and Mentally injured and Ill ADF Personnel.*

Decision

5. Mr McKellar decided to release the identified document intact. A copy of the document in the form approved for release is at Enclosure 1.

Material taken into account

6. In making his decision Mr McKellar 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;
 - d. the *Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act* (the Guidelines);
 - e. the Principles on open public sector information issued by the Information Commissioner; and

Payment of Charges

7. In our letter, dated 30 August 2013, after deducting the free decision making time, the department estimated the cost associated with processing your request to be [REDACTED]. You agreed to pay charges for the administration of your request on 3 September 2013, noting that a deposit was not required.

8. Upon completion of your request, after deducting the free decision making time, the actual amount for processing was calculated to be [REDACTED]. On this occasion I have decided not to impose the charges amount as the administrative cost of processing the payment would outweigh the collectable amount.

Rights of review

9. The FOI Act provides for rights of review of decisions. A copy of the fact sheet, "Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights" is at Enclosure 2.

FOI Disclosure Log

10. 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. Unless otherwise agreed, Defence will publish this request on 2 October 2013.

Further advice

11. The FOI Act may be accessed online at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2011C00803>.

12. Should you have any questions about this matter please contact me directly on (07) 3332 6359. Alternatively, the FOI team can also be contacted on the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information

25 September 2013

Enclosures:

1. Copy of document in form for release
2. Fact Sheet: Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights