



Reference: AB32692461

FOI 099/17/18 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

“Any correspondence between Defence and ASC in response to the announcement that Australian shipbuilders Austal and ASC would partner to win the contract to build the \$35 billion Future Frigate in Adelaide.”

excluding personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeys numbers and mobile telephone numbers, contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request. In addition, excluding duplicates of documents

FOI decision maker

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

Documents identified

3. I identified two documents as matching the description of the request.
4. I have added an FOI reference number, a document number and a page number to each of the documents.

Decision

5. I have decided to release both documents in full, removing irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
 - a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified documents 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); and
 - e. advice from third parties; specifically the companies ASC Pty Ltd and Austal, as well as officers within the department from Defence Legal.

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