




Our reference: FOI 124/15/16



By email: 

Good morning

## **NOTICE OF DECISION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

1. I refer to your correspondence, dated 27 October 2015, in which you requested access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:

*Item 1 - Documents that show the final cost to the department for the current defence lanyard.*

*Item 2 - The quote/cost for the replacement defence lanyard known as the next generation lanyard mentioned in the Canberra Times article on 22 Oct 15.*

*Exclude business names or any other people's names or contact details*

### **Background**

2. The statutory timeframe for you to receive your request is 25 November 2015.

3. 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**

4. Ms Anush Avakian, Accredited Decision Maker, Department of Defence is the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

### **Documents identified**

5. Ms Avakian identified two documents as matching the description of your request.

### **Decision**

6. Ms Avakian decided to release the documents in full with irrelevant information redacted under Subsection 22(1).

### **Subsection 22(1) – Irrelevant matter**

7. Subsection 22(1) of the FOI Act states the following:

(1) *This section applies if:*

(a) *an agency or Minister decides:*

(ii) *that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.*

8. After examination of the document, Ms Avakian found that they contained material which, if released, would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the scope of the request as the applicant has excluded personal and business information and requires only the cost. Ms Avakian therefore decided to remove that material in accordance with subparagraph 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

### **FOI Disclosure Log**

9. 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 will publish today the identified documents relating to this requests with privacy deletions.

### **Your Review Rights**

#### ***Internal Review***

10. 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: [FOIReview@defence.gov.au](mailto:FOIReview@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***

11. 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](mailto:enquiries@oaic.gov.au)  
 Phone: 1300 363 992  
 Fax: 02 9284 9666  
 Post: GPO Box 2999  
 Canberra ACT 2601

#### ***Complaints***

12. 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](mailto: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

13. 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

14. Contact details for the Information Commissioner are above.

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

Yours sincerely



Andrea Sansom  
Assistant Director  
Freedom of Information

17 November 2015

Enclosure:

1. Documents in the form for release