



Reference: BK2037789

FOI 136/18/19 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 document that outlines the ADF policy for early return to Australia from deployment. Specifically, any policy document that outlines the processes and protocols for unexpected early returns (ie for medical, disciplinary and compassionate reasons). I require the policy as it stood in February, 2015”.

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 two documents as matching the description of the request.
4. The decision in relation to each document is detailed in a schedule of documents.

Decision

5. I have decided to release two documents in full.

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 provided by Headquarter Operations Command (HQJOC).

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