



Reference: R27960723

**FOI 139/16/17 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:

*“I would like a copy of any documents sent by the Minister for Defence to Senator Brian Burston or his office, dated between September 1, 2016 and October 14, 2016, that makes mention of RAAF Base Williamtown.”*

**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 one document as matching the description of the request. I have added an FOI reference number to the documents.

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release the identified document intact.

**Material taken into account**

5. 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 the Directorate of Ministerial & Parliamentary Liaison Services (DMPLS) and the Office of Senator the Hon Marise Payne.

6. To confirm that no other relevant documents existed, I requested that the DMPLS and the Minister's office both undertook searches for documents matching the scope of this request. Both offices confirmed that they did not hold any other documents which matched the scope of this request.

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