



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Reference: 2016/1242186/qR460599

FOI 157/16/17 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:

“An extract of the Defence Policing and Security Management System (DPSMS) regarding incidents of abuse, misconduct and/or similar acts involving U.S. Armed Services personnel since 1 January 2012. I seek access to completed incidents only”.

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 12 electronic records as matching the description of this request. In accordance with section 17 [requests involving use of computers etc.] of the FOI Act, the data matching the scope of the request was extracted from the relevant database into one document.

Decision

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

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
 - the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
 - the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines);
 - advice from the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service.

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