



Reference: OCA/OUT/2018/R33146891

FOI 179/17/18 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

copies of briefings provided to the Chief of Defence and the Minister of Defence relating to incidents where the MRH-90's were suspended from flying from 1 June 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeyS numbers and mobile telephone numbers contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request, and duplicates of documents, are excluded from this request.

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 identified 10 documents, totalling 20 pages, as matching the scope of this request.

4. The decision in relation to each document is detailed in a schedule of documents.

5. I have added an FOI reference number and Serial number to each of the documents, which corresponds with the schedule.

Decision

6. I have decided to release 10 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

7. 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)

- e. advice provided by the Director Administrative Inquiries, Navy and the Head of Land Capability, Army.

Further Information

- 8. A number of documents matching the scope of this request displayed dissemination limiting markings. The versions of the documents that are approved for release have had these removed.

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