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Our reference: FOI 212/15/16

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

NOTICE OF DECISION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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

“...all ministerial briefs on the (potential) use of PrEP by Australian Defence Force personnel and related issues.”

Background

2. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the decision relating to the document that is the subject of your request.

FOI decision maker

3. Mr Paul Naveau, Director, Health Materiel Logistics and Pharmacy, Joint Health Command, was the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Identified document

4. Mr Naveau identified one document as matching the scope of your request, being:

- Ministerial Advice CJHLTH/OUT/2015/R23278971 dated 31 Aug 15.

Decision

5. Mr Naveau decided to release the identified document intact.

6. However, taking into account the department's policy to exclude the personal details of its officers, such as names, signatures and mobile telephone numbers, contained on documents that fall within the scope of an FOI request unless you specifically request such details. Mr Naveau found that the identified document contained some material that is considered irrelevant to the scope of your request in accordance with section 22(a)(ii) [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act.

Payment of Charges

7. On this occasion, I have decided to exercise my delegation and not impose any processing charges in respect to this request.

8. Accordingly, a copy of the document in the form approved for release is at Enclosure 1.

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 publishes identified documents relating to requests within five working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish this decision notice with privacy deletions. This request will be published on 4 March 2016.

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
 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
 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
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



Theresa Stinson
Assistant Director
Media & Sensitive Case Management

26 February 2016

Enclosure:

1. Document in form for release