



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

Reference: BN3940123

**FOI 280/18/19 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

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

“any summary or collated list of Defence Ombudsman reports completed in 2018”.

**FOI decision maker**

2. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act to make a decision on this Freedom of Information request.

**Documents identified**

3. I identified one document as matching the description of the request, which was created in accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release the document in full.

**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 document in issue;
  - c. relevant provisions in the Freedom of Information Act;
  - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the Freedom of Information Act.

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Peter Bavington  
Accredited Decision Maker  
Defence People Group

## REPORTS ISSUED BY THE OMBUDSMAN DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018

Defence did not receive any reports issued by the Ombudsman under sections 15, 16, 17 or 19 of the *Ombudsman Act 1976* or by the Defence Force Ombudsman under section 19FA of the Ombudsman Act in relation to Defence during calendar year 2018.

Defence also received copies of the following documents, which were published on the Ombudsman's website at the time:

- *Reporting abuse in Defence – Report statistics to 31 December 2017*
- *Reporting abuse in Defence – Report statistics to 31 March 2018*
- *Reporting abuse in Defence – Report statistics to 30 June 2018*

Notes:

- The Ombudsman's Annual and other public reports can be accessed at <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/publications/>.
- The Ombudsman's most recent statistical reports on abuse in Defence can be accessed at <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/How-we-can-help/australian-defence-force/reporting-abuse-in-defence>.