



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

Reference: DGHC/OUT/2016/R25912458

**FOI 331/15/17 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:

*"...documents detailing the effects of abnormalities of glucose metabolism and respiratory conditions on aircrew and non-aircrew roles and Defence standards on these conditions for suitability for enlistment/appointment."*

**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 three documents as matching the description of the request.
4. The decision in relation to each document is detailed in a schedule of documents.
5. I have added an FOI reference and Item number to each of the documents.

**Decision**

6. I have decided to:
  - a. release three documents in full with deletions made under section 22 [Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] 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); and
  - e. advice received from the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Institute of Aviation Medicine (IAM).

**Reasons for decision**

**Section 22 – Edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted**

8. Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that if an agency or Minister decides to:

*(i) refuse access to an exempt document; or*

*(ii) that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access;*

and it is reasonably practicable to prepare a copy of the document modified by deletions, the agency or Minister must give the applicant access to the edited copy.

9. Considering all of the above, I decided that it was reasonably practicable to remove the irrelevant material, specifically information not related to abnormalities of glucose metabolism and the respiratory system stated in the scope of your request and release the document in that form.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Paula Sear.

Paula Sear  
Accredited Decision Maker  
VCDF Group

17 May 2016