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Our reference: FOI 340/13/14

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

1. I refer to your email, dated 3 April 2014, in which you requested access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:

"to the redacted material in FOI 181 1314, a Strategic Command and Control Lessons – Scoping Study conducted for JCC by Noetic.

I would like to request that you release the material in the document redacted on the grounds of Section 47F."

Background

2. On 7 April 2014, our office informed you that the decision maker had determined that there was a requirement to consult with third parties under section 27 [Consultation – business documents] of the FOI Act, before finalising the decision. As such, in accordance with section 15(6) [extension of processing period to comply with requirement of section 26A, 27 or 27A] of the FOI Act, the statutory timeframe was amended to 5 May 2014.

3. 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

4. Ms Andrea Sansom, Acting Director Freedom of Information, Defence Support and Reform Group was the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Identified document

5. Ms Sansom identified one document as matching the description of your request. The Document in the form approved for release is at Enclosure 1.

Decision

6. Ms Sansom has decided to release in full one document.

Material taken into account

7. In making her decision Ms Sansom had regard to:
- a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified document 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. the Principles on open public sector information issued by the Information Commissioner;
 - f. advice received from a third party; and
 - g. advice received from officers within the department.

Rights of review

8. The FOI Act provides for rights of review of decisions. A copy of the fact sheet, "Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights", setting out your rights of review is at Enclosure 2.

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.

Further information

10. The FOI Act may be accessed at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2011C00803>.
11. All departmental action on your request is now complete. Should you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact this office.

Yours sincerely



Sally Philp
Assistant Director
Freedom of Information

17 April 2014

Enclosures:

- 1. Documents in the form for release
- 2. Fact Sheet: Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights