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Our reference: FOI 346/12/13

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By email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

1. I refer to your emails of 4 and 5 April 2013, in which you requested access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to:
Item 1 - copies of the results of kangaroo population surveys undertaken at the Majura Defence Base from 2008 to present.
Item 2 - cull data that provides the number of kangaroos and joeys killed at the Majura Defence Base between 2008 and 2013 (present)."

Background

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

FOI decision maker

3. Ms Michelle Vella, Director Capability Delivery Support, Defence Materiel Organisation is the accredited decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

4. Ms Vella identified two documents as matching the description of your request. A schedule of documents is at Enclosure 1.

Decision

5. Ms Vella decided to:
 - a. Fully release the document identified as Item 1 in response to your request, and
 - b. partially release the document identified as Item 2 in response to your request with exempt matter removed under section 22 [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

6. In making her decision Ms Vella had regard to:
- a. the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - b. the terms of the FOI request;
 - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act,
 - d. Defence guidance material on the FOI Act and the guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the guidelines); and
 - e. advice provided by the area whose duties relate to the requested documents.

Reasons for decision

Section 22 (irrelevant matter deleted)

7. Upon examination of the documents Ms Vella found that the document identified as Item 2 on the schedule of documents contained material regarding matters which does not relate to cull data that provides the number of kangaroos and joeys killed at the Majura Defence Base between 2008 and 2013 (present). Ms Vella considered that the material would disclose information that would be reasonably regarded as irrelevant to the scope of your request. As such, in accordance with subparagraph 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act, she has decided to remove the material.

8. Defence did not undertake a kangaroo management activity at Majura Training Area in 2011. Thus, there is no cull data for 2011 included within the document provided.

Payment of Charges

9. In our letter, dated 10 April 2013, the department estimated the cost associated with processing your request to be [REDACTED]. You agreed to pay charges for the administration of your request and you were sent an invoice for the preliminary assessment deposit of [REDACTED] on 16 April 2013.

10. Upon completion of your request, the actual amount for processing was calculated to be [REDACTED]. The remaining balance is the difference between original assessment of charges and the deposit you have already paid.

11. Accordingly you are required to pay the remaining [REDACTED] in order to finalise your request. Please complete and return the form at Enclosure 2 to the FOI Directorate, this form is an agreement to pay charges and enables the FOI Directorate to continue processing your request without delay. Upon receipt of the form an invoice will be generated, noting this can take up to 3 business days. Details about payment of the invoice are on the form.

Rights of review

12. 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 3.

FOI Disclosure Log

13. 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 two working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish

this decision notice with privacy deletions. I will advise you of the publication date when the documents are dispatched to you.

Further advice

14. The FOI Act may be accessed online at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2011C00803>.
15. Should you have any questions, please contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information

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Enclosures:

1. Schedule of documents
2. Freedom of Information Payment Authorisation Form
3. Fact Sheet: Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights