



Reference: AB35005118

FOI 358/17/18 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:

“Statistical information compiled between April and July 2017 by the then-Joint Military Police Group (currently Joint Military Police Unit) relating to historical investigations around homosexuality before November 1992. Also, I would like to request a comment from the Joint Military Police Unit to accompany this data, explaining any available information about historic reporting practices, procedures, and investigations. Any comment about incomplete or missing data would also be appreciated.”

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 1 document as matching the description of the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to:

- a. release 1 documents 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 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);

Contextual Statement

6. Collection of data was undertaken by electronic review of investigation file titles where information was available. Data was not collected on civilian suspects and/or complainants. Due to the titling of a large number of RAAF Investigation, the year of investigation is not

readily available without manual review of files and is reflected within the released data as 'unknown'.

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