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By email: 

Dear 

1. I refer to your emailed letter, dated 19 September 2012, in which you requested access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) relating to correspondence between Duncan Lewis and the Minister for Defence.

2. I also refer to further communications between Mr Neil Phillips, Special Advisor Freedom of Information and yourself regarding the scope of your request. On 27 September 2012 you agreed to revise the scope of your request to:

"... a copy of the letter of resignation from the Secretary of Defence Duncan Lewis to Dr Ian Watt in September 2012."

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. Mr Tony Corcoran, Assistant Secretary, Freedom of Information and Information Management, is the accredited decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

5. Mr Corcoran identified one document, being a one-page letter from Mr Lewis to Dr Watt dated 17 September 2012.

Decision

6. Mr Corcoran has decided to release the identified document intact. A copy of the document is at Enclosure 1.

Payment of Charges

7. I have decided, on this occasion, not to impose FOI processing charges as the administrative cost associated with the processing of the payment would exceed the amount payable.

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 two working days of receipt by the applicant. Defence will also publish this decision notice with privacy deletions.

Further advice

10. Should you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact me directly on (07) 3332 6359. Alternatively, the FOI team can also be contacted on the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Theresa Stinson
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12 October 2012

Enclosures:

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