Dear [Redacted]

1. I refer to your email, dated 28 November 2011, in which you requested access, under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act), to:

   "...the ADF Joint Combined Training Study prepared for the department by Unmanned Systems Australia Pty Ltd, as listed with CN ID CN435515."

Background

2. 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

3. Group Captain Frank Grigson, Director, Coordination Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC) is the authorised decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

4. Group Captain Grigson identified one document, titled 'HQJOC Joint and Combined Training and Certification – Concept of Operations' as matching the description of your request.
Decision

5. Group Captain Grigson has decided to release the identified document intact.

Explanatory statement

6. The Joint Combined Training Capability (JCTC) of HQJOC is the lead for the development of simulation based training and the mechanisms and organisation structure required to deliver it to Defence. In support of this the development of a certification program to identify major capability and training deficiencies, with the focus on future major joint exercises, was required.

7. Due to the inability to develop this certification concept in-house, a short time frame, and the low risk and low value of the procurement, JCTC sought approval to engage contracted services via a direct source request for tender. This was approved, with Unmanned Systems Australia Pty Ltd, a company with extensive relevant experience, awarded the contract for producing the HQJOC Joint and Combined Training and Certification Concept of Operations.

Payment of Charges

8. In our letter, dated 2 December 2011, after deducting the five hours free decision making time, the department estimated the cost associated with processing your request to be $[unknown amount]. You agreed to pay charges for the administration of your request and paid the preliminary assessment deposit of $[unknown amount] on 5 December 2011. Upon completion of your request, the actual amount for processing was calculated to be $[unknown amount]. As such, you are required to pay $[unknown amount] in order to finalise your request. Upon receipt of the payment the identified document will be dispatched to you.

9. Cheques or Money Orders should be made out to the ‘Receiver of Public Monies’ and forwarded to the address at the top of this letter. Credit card payments can be made by completing the form at Enclosure 1 and returning it to the FOI Directorate.

Rights of review


FOI Disclosure Log

11. 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

12. 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

Theresa Stinson
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Freedom of Information

31 January 2012

Enclosures:

1. Credit Card form
2. Fact Sheet: Freedom of Information – Your Review Rights