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Our reference: 130/12/13

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

1. I refer to your email of 24 September 2012, in which you sought access, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), to the following:

- “1. *Documents that relate to the manning, SED, Roles and Tasks for 660 Signal Troop from January 1987 through to December 1993.*
2. *The proposition and acceptance by HQSF and Chief of General Staff (CGS) of changes to the Roles and Tasks of 660 Signal Troop (aka Special Warfare Field Troop) by MAJ Jackson from June to December 1991.*
3. *Implementation documents and plans for the increase of SED, and Manning to 660 Signal Troop from June 1991 through to July 1992. This should include transfer of SED of manning and equipment from 2 Signal Regiment to 660 Sig Tp of 126 Signal Squadron.*
4. *Documents that relate to the Special Forces/Operations Roles and Tasks of 1 Commando Regiment (including 126 Signal Squadron) in support of Counter Terrorist, Special Recovery, Special Operations Contingencies, Defence Aid to Civil Power (DACP), Defence Assistance to the Civil Community (DACC); Services Assisted Evacuation (SAE); Services Protected Evacuation (SPE) and other ADF Contingency Plans.”*

2. By email dated 24 September 2012, Mrs Melissa Davidson, Assistant Director Freedom of Information, informed you that your request was not considered valid under section 15(2)(b) of the FOI Act.

3. After further discussions with our office, you agreed, on 5 November 2012 to refine the scope of your request to:

“ITEM 1 - Signal - Assumption of CT Comms Responsibilities by 1 CDO Regt dated 31 Jul 92

ITEM 2 - Signal - Transfer of CT Comms Responsibility - 2 Sig Regt to 1 Cdo Regt dated 31 Jul 92."

4. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision in response to your request.

FOI decision maker

5. Colonel Leigh Wilton, Deputy Chief of Staff - Army Headquarters, is the authorised decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Document identified

6. Colonel Wilton identified two documents matching the description of your request.
7. A schedule of documents is at Enclosure 1.

Decision

8. Following examination of the documents, Colonel Wilton decided to release them in full, in accordance with section 11A of the FOI Act [access to documents on request], on the grounds that the identified documents are neither exempt under the FOI Act, nor contain exempt material as prescribed by the FOI Act.
9. Copies of the documents, in the form approved for release, are at Enclosure 2.

Rights of review

10. The FOI Act provides for rights of review of decisions. A copy of the fact sheet "Freedom of Information - Your Review Rights" is at Enclosure 3.

Further advice

11. Should you have any questions relating to the matter, please contact me, either by telephone on (02) 6266 4713 or via email to FOI@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Phillip Connelly
Case Officer
Freedom of Information

22 November 2012

Enclosures:

1. Relevant sections of the FOI Act.
2. Documents in the form approved for release.
3. Fact Sheet: 'Freedom of Information - Your Review Rights'

Freedom of Information Request 130/12/13 – Schedule of Documents

Item	Date	File reference	Document description	Decision	Pages
1	31/7/92	D003/08	Signal – Assumption of CT Comms Responsibilities by 1 CDO Regt	Full release	1
2	31/7/92	D004/08	Signal – Transfer of CT Comms responsibility – 2 Sig Regt to Cdo Regt	Full release	1