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Our reference: FOI 159/12/13

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By email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr [Redacted],

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

"...the excel spreadsheet produced by the ADF CSIRT covering the date range September 28, 2011 – June 30, 2012. I consent to the redaction of all information in the spreadsheet except for the information contained under the two columns headed "Reference" and "Status"."

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. Mr Rod Dudfield, Director Freedom of Information, is the accredited decision maker, under the FOI Act, in relation to your request.

Documents identified

4. The Australian Defence Force Cyber Incident Response Team (ADFCIRT) provided Mr Dudfield with two documents, created following a database query of relevant databases, which matched the scope of your request.

Decision

5. Mr Dudfield has decided to release the identified documents intact. Copies of the documents in the form for release at Enclosure 1.

6. Notwithstanding the above, the ADFCIRT advised that some ADFCIRT incident reference numbers are not contained in the data. This is a known condition in the database and will introduce a small error in any statistical analysis being conducted.

7. Further, ADFCIRT now operates two incident databases. There will be a small percentage of incidents (less than 2%) that are duplicated on those databases. As such, two spreadsheets are provided with incidents overlapping in timeframes.

Material taken into account

8. In making his decision Mr Dudfield had regard to:

- The content of the identified document in issue
- Relevant provisions in the FOI Act
- The guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the guidelines)
- Advice from ADFCIRT whose duties relate to the matters referred to in the document.

Payment of Charges

9. In our letter, dated 29 October 2012, after deducting the free decision making time, the department estimated the cost associated with processing your request to be [REDACTED]. You agreed to proceed with your request on the same day, noting that you were not required to pay a deposit at that time.

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

Rights of review

11. 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

12. 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. Publication will occur on 23 November 2012.

Further advice

13. The FOI Act can be accessed online at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2011C00803>

14. Should you have any queries 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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Freedom of Information

21 November 2012

Enclosures:

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