



Defence Reference: FOI 070/20/21

FOI 070/20/21 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:

'The number of Department employees that worked in the office of the Minister for Defence (or previous name) and the office for the Minister for Defence Personnel (or previous name) in the Year 2000 and the current year.'

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. Under Section 17 of the FOI Act I have dealt with the request as if it were a request for access to a written document so produced and containing the requested information.
4. In accordance with Section 17(1) of the FOI Act I have created a written document containing the requested information.

Decision

5. I have decided to release in full the document created under Section 17(1) of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
 - the content of the identified documents 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).

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