



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

Defence Reference: FOI 073/20/21

**FOI 073/20/21 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:

*"I request number of contractors, consultants, and OSP's taken in the 5 most recent Defence External Workforce Censuses."*

**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. One document was generated in accordance with section 17(1)(c)(i) of the FOI Act to satisfy the description of the request. This was done on the basis that:

- a. A written document can be produced containing the information by using a 'computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available' to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information.
- b. Producing the written document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations s17(2).

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release the document created under section 17 of the FOI Act in full.

**Material taken into account**

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:

- a. the terms of the request;
- b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
- c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
- d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
- e. advice received from officers within Defence Finance Group.

**Further Information**

6. 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.



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