



Reference: fBO721856

FOI 121/19/20 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by _____ under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

Information regarding the income and expenditure of the Australian Defence Force Cadets for the purpose of a strategic analysis soon to be submitted to the Australian Army Research Centre; and

Additionally, I would be extremely grateful if these documents contained the income and expenditure of each branch of the Australian Army Cadets individually.

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 under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of the request.

- a. A written document was produced containing the information by using a 'computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available' to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information s17(1)(c)(i).
- 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; and
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

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.

7. In accordance with section 17(1) of the FOI Act I have created a written document from the financial systems that are ordinarily available to the Department of Defence employees.

8. In relation to '*income and expenditure of each branch of the Australian Army Cadets individually*' Defence's financial database and other electronic records were interrogated in relation to the description of the request. The database was unable to provide this further detail of '*each branch... individually*' in discrete form.

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