



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Defence Reference: FOI 186/20/21

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FOI 186/20/21 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 am seeking access to documents, specifically reports, ministerial/executive/hot issues briefs/briefings and attachments, audits, reviews, internal correspondence relating to military equipment that are lost, missing or stolen that the Department of Defence has investigated the Outcome. Please also include details of whether they were retrieved/found/written off or finalised and the cost.

If the information I’m seeking exists in one document, I’m happy to limit my application to just that.

However, if AV material including photos/video footage exist of the asset/device/equipment, I’d expect that to be included.

Please exclude duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released, media releases /reports/articles and correspondence with media. If emails are captured, please limit to the final thread of the conversation. If there are multiple briefing notes on the same topic, please limit to the most recent, along with any attachments.

Timeframe: since 1 January, 2020.”

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 subsection 17(1) of the FOI Act I have created three written documents containing the requested information as follows:

- a. DS&VS Investigations
- b. JMPU Investigations
- c. FCIB Investigations

Decision


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

Material taken into account

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

- d. the terms of the request;
- e. the content of the identified documents in issue;
- f. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
- g. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
- h. advice received from relevant Defence subject matter experts.

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