



Reference: BN13272823

**FOI 361/19/20 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:

*“...a list of all permits granted for the export of military and dual-use equipment from Australia to the following countries between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019:*

*Sri Lanka*

*United Arab Emirates*

*Saudi Arabia*

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

*Myanmar*

*Iran*

*Iraq*

*South Sudan*

*Sudan*

*Mali*

*Central African Republic*

*Somalia*

*Syria*

*Libya”*

**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;
  - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
  - e. information provided by Defence Export Controls Branch within the Department of Defence.

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