



## **DEFENCE FOI 43/21/22 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 following:

*“\*A table that shows the number of permits (by year) approved by Defence Export Controls since 1 January 2015, for each of the following countries: Angola, Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Egypt, Libya, Uganda, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Burundi*

*\*For each country in this table, please break down the permits according to their designation under the Defence Strategic Goods List. Specifically, Part 1 Permits (i.e. for military use) and Part 2 permits (i.e. for dual use)*

*\*Please exclude permits issued for temporary exports, as well as repair and return permits”.*

### **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. A document was generated under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of the request:

- a 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); and
- producing the 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 subject matter experts within the Department of Defence.

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