



Australian Government
Department of Defence

DEFENCE FOI 323/21/22 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 Royal Australian Navy issued 10 individual retention benefits between 2007 - 2008 to CTSSM/EWSM sailors.

- 1. Request a breakdown of the ranks of each IRB and the number of females and or males who received an IRB?*
- 2. Who was the nominating authority of each of the IRBs?”*

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 this request. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act:

- 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’ (section 17(1)(c)(i)); and
- b. producing the written document did not ‘substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations’ (section 17(2)).

Decision

4. I have decided to release the document 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 document 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 Career Management – Navy.

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