



DEFENCE FOI 252/21/22 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 Defence Audit Office's internal audit of the Defence Department's grants management processes.”

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. I identified one document, including attachments, as matching the description of the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to release the document in full.

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request
 - the content of the identified document in issue
 - relevant provisions in the FOI Act
 - the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines)
 - advice provided by staff within Defence Finance Group, Defence's Freedom of Information Operations Section and affected External Stakeholders.

Context Statement

6. To provide further context to the release of information from the identified document, the Respondent area within Defence Finance Group has acknowledged the findings contained in the report and remediated those findings, in accordance with both the agreed recommendations and management action plan.

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