



DEFENCE FOI 506/21/22 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:

- *“How many medical staff were recruited nationally into the ADF from civilian ranks in the years 2019, 2020 & 2021 (with a breakdown on each years, please)*
- *Can you please provide a breakdown for these years on the type of staff which were recruited, e.g. nursing, general practice, clinical, surgical, therapeutical*
- *How many of those recruited were civilian GPs with more than five years' experience working as a GP? How many have had 10 years or more experience? Can you break these down by 2019, 2020 and 2021 please?”*

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 items one and two 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)).

4. In relation to item three of the request, data relating to applicants’ previous experience was not readily available and therefore has not been included. Obtaining this data would ‘substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations’ (section 17(2)).

Decision

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

Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- a. the term of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act; and
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act.

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