



DEFENCE FOI 042/22/23 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 personnel were awarded the meritorious unit citation with federation star as part of task force 66.

How many personnel have renounced this award or returned it to honours and awards.”

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 in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act—*Requests involving use of computers etc.*—to satisfy the request. This was done on the basis that the agency could produce a written document, containing the information in discrete form, by the use of a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information - section 17(1)(c)(i).

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:
- the terms of the request;
 - the content of the identified document;
 - relevant provisions in the FOI Act; and
 - the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

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