



## DEFENCE FOI 337/22/23 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] (the applicant) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to:

*...the latest available Defence reporting on the workforce and skills requirements of the (now cancelled) SEA 1000 program.*

*We are interested in the most up-to-date assessment on the skills/workforce needs of the SEA 1000 program, including timelines and specific skills required.*

### 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 1 document as matching the description of the request.

### Exclusions

4. Personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeyS numbers and mobile telephone numbers contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request, duplicates of documents, and documents sent to or from the applicant are excluded from this request. Defence has only considered final versions of documents.

### Decision

5. I have decided to partially release the document in accordance with section 22 [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act.

### Material taken into account

6. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
  - the content of the identified documents in issue;
  - 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).

### Reasons for decision

#### Section 22 – Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

7. Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that if an agency or Minister decides:

*(1) This section applies if:*

*(a) an agency or Minister decides:*

*(i) to refuse access to an exempt document; or*

*(ii) that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access;*

*(b) it is possible for the agency or Minister to prepare a copy (an **edited copy**) of the document...*

8. Considering the above, I decided that it was reasonably practicable to remove the material that does not fall within scope of this request and release the document in that form.

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