



DEFENCE FOI 669/22/23 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 following paper, identified in the Afghanistan Inquiry Reform Program Update: Review of alcohol management policy for deployments.

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 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 on the grounds that the deleted material is considered irrelevant in accordance with the exclusion above.

Material taken into account

6. 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; and
- d. 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. 8. Section 22 of the FOI Act permits an agency to prepare and provide an edited copy of a document where the agency has decided to refuse access to an exempt document or that to give access to a document would disclose information that would be reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.

8. The document contains information (e.g. a signature) that does not relate to the request, and is excluded from the request in accordance with paragraph 4.

9. I am satisfied that it is reasonably practicable to remove the irrelevant material and release the document to you in an edited form.

Digitally signed by
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Christopher [redacted]

Colonel
Accredited Decision Maker
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