



DEFENCE FOI 011/23/24

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 05 July 2023 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

...details of all foreign military sales (FMS) payments (including, but not limited to, relevant program(s), amounts, currency denominations, payees, status of instalment or final payments) made by the Australian Government for the period 1 May 2023 to 5 July 2023.

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 subsection 17(1)(c)(i) of the FOI Act to satisfy the description of the request. This was done on the basis that a written document could be produced containing the information in discrete form by the use of a computer ordinarily available to Defence for retrieving or collating stored information.

Decision

4. I have decided to release the document produced under section 17 of the FOI Act, in full.

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
 - the content of the identified document in issue;
 - relevant provisions of 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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