



DEFENCE FOI 114/23/24

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 4 August 2023 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

“Under FOI I am seeking access to the following, Chief of Air Force command authorisation instrument dated 5 April 2018”

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FOI decision maker

5. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Documents identified

6. I have identified one documents as falling within the scope of the request.

Exclusions

7. 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

8. I have decided to:

- a. partially release one 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.

Material taken into account

9. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
 - a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - c. relevant provisions of 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

10. 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 reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.

11. The document contains irrelevant information (eg. signatures) that does not relate to the request.

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

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