



## **DEFENCE FOI 340/22/23 - STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

1. I refer to the application on 10 October 2023 by [REDACTED] on behalf of Senator David Shoebridge (the applicant) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act), for access to:

*“A table of the top 30 capital equipment projects managed by the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group and The Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group.*

- *The name of the project*
- *Project Number (Defence Capability Plan)*
- *Approved Budget*
- *Budget at initial Second Pass Approval*
- *Year/s of variation (if any)*
- *Explanation of variation (if any)*

*As well as the total number of capital equipment projects managed by CASG and the percentage of total cost of top 30 capital equipment projects out of total projects”.*

### **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. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act:

- a document was produced containing the information by using a computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information (section 17(1)(i)), and
- producing the document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations (section 17(2)).

### **Decision**

4. I have decided to release the document in full.

### **Material taken into account**

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:

- a. the terms of the request;
- b. the content of the identified documents 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).

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