



DEFENCE FOI 292/23/24

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 18 October 2023 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

1. How many Personnel are in Tasmania for the last full three (3) financial years broken down by RANK, CORPS & Trade/s, APS Classifications, location (for example Dowsings Point, Anglesea Barracks) full-time, part-time, "In-Active" and "Active" for the Reserve's (Army, Navy, Airforce)?
2. Budget Allocations/Cost's for the above broken down via location (for example Anglesea Barracks, Dowsings Point); and
3. Budget Allocations for Repairs, Maintenance, & Upgrades also broken down via location's for the last three (3) Financial Year's for all Tasmanian defence facilities/establishments.

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. Four (4) documents have been created in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the FOI Act to satisfy Items 1, 2 and 3 of the request. The documents were created on the basis that:

- a. a written document can be produced containing the requested information by using a 'computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available' to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information; and
- b. producing the written document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations s17(2).

Decision

7. I have decided to release the documents created in full under section 17 of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

8. 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;
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
 - e. advice received from officers within Defence People Group (DPG), Security and Estate Group (SEG) in particular Defence Estate & Land Management (DELM), Directorate of Estate Works Program Office (DEWPO) and Capital Facilities & Infrastructure (CFI).

Further Information

9. Officers within DPG created documents in response to Items 1 and 2 of the request. Information was sourced across three areas of SEG relating to Item 3 of the request. DELM are responsible for maintenance programs, DEWPO manage small to medium projects and CFI are responsible for the management of large projects. CFI identified one project that fits within the timeframe of the applicant's request and have provided the following advice:

The contract value for the Anglesea Barracks – Work Package 1 – Call Centre and Associated Infrastructure is \$16.880m. Works commenced in June 2023 and are scheduled for completion in July 2024.

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