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DEFENCE FOI 588/23/24

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 January 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

“Request any document that includes information regarding:

1. number of permanent Air Force pilots transferring to non-permanent service during period 2017-2019

2. number of permanent Air Force pilots resigning from Air Force during period 2017-2019

3. number of applications received from permanent Air Force pilots to transfer to non-permanent service, or resign, during period 2017-2019

4. number of applications from permanent Air Force pilots to transfer to non-permanent service, or resign, which were refused during period 2017-2019

5. reasons for refusal of applications under point 4, above.

Timeframe: 01/01/2017 to 30/06/2020”.

Background

2. [REDACTED]

FOI decision maker

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

Documents identified

4. I have identified one document as falling within the scope of this request.

5. One document was generated under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of this request. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act:

- a. a written 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)(c)(i)); and


- b. producing the written document did not ‘substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations’ (section 17(2)).

Decision

- 6. I have decided to release one document in full in accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

- 7. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
 - a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified document 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).

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