



## DEFENCE FOI 521/23/24

### STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] [the applicant] received on 4 December 2023 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to:

*“All public funding provided to the ASC Shipbuilding Pty Ltd from its establishment to December 2023 [by year].*

#### 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. A document was generated under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of the request:

- 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’ s17(1)(c)(i); and
- producing the document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations s17(2).

#### Decision

4. I have decided to release the document created under section 17 of the FOI Act 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 document in issue;
  - c. relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
  - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines);
  - e. information provided by subject matter experts within the Department of Defence; and
  - f. an interpretation of the term ‘public funding’ has been interpreted to mean funding from the Department of Defence.

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Accredited Decision Maker

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