



**DEFENCE FOI 615/23/24**

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

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] (the applicant) received on 13 January 2024 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to:

*Details of total cost of/expenditure on salaries for chaplains in the Army, Navy and Air Force in the 2022-2023 financial year*

*Timeframe: 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023*

**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 has been generated under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of the request whereby:

- 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 [Requests involving use of computers etc.] 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); and
  - e. information provided by subject matter experts within the Department of Defence.

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