



## DEFENCE FOI 879/23/24

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

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] dated and received on 28 April 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

*“Male and female numbers by year from 2000 to 2023 who took part in the Defence Force Gap year in the RAN... who elected to a longer term commitment to the RAN... a breakdown of the number who went into the Officer stream and those who elected for Other Ranks”.*

#### 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 created under section 17 of the FOI Act in line with the information requested:
- A document was produced containing the information by using a computer that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving stored information s17(1)(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 in full.

#### Material taken into account

5. 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; 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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