



Australian Government

Defence

DEFENCE FOI 336/24/25

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 04 November 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

“...I seek a list of all documents used by the Army's Battle Honours Committee in its considerations to recommend battle honours be issued for the Battle of East Shah Wali Kot in Afghanistan. ...

This request covers the time period from June 10, 2010, to May 9, 2013.

I do not seek the names, addresses or phone numbers of any individuals”

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. I have identified one (1) document falling within the scope of the request:
120308 MINUTES Battle Honours Committee Meeting Minutes – 8 March 2012

Decision

4. I have decided to partially release the document, removing irrelevant material in accordance with section 22 of the FOI Act.

Materials 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 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).

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 22 – Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

6. Section 22 of the FOI Act permits an agency to prepare and provide an edited copy of a document where the agency has decided to refuse access to an exempt document, or

that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.


7. The document contains irrelevant material. I am satisfied that it is reasonably practicable to remove the irrelevant material and release the document to you in an edited form.

FURTHER INFORMATION

8. The document contained a dissemination limiting marker (DLM). As the document is approved for public release the DLM is struck through.

 Digitally signed by

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