



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Reference: OCA/OUT/2018/BI4373203

FOI 030/18/19 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by [REDACTED] under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (FOI Act), for access to:

... documents held by the Australian Defence Organisation (Defence) since 26 March 2015 regarding former members of Defence's Special Operations Command (SOCOMD) involved in the war in Yemen on behalf of the United Arab Emirates (the UAE).

Personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeyS numbers and mobile telephone numbers contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request and duplicates of documents are excluded from this request.

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 identified three documents, totalling seven pages, as matching the scope of this request.

Decision

4. I have decided to:
- a. release three documents in full
 - b. remove irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act.

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 documents 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. responses to third party consultation
 - f. advice provided by Special Operations Command.

Further Information

6. A number of documents matching the scope of this request have dissemination limiting markers (DLM). The DLM has been crossed out on the versions of the documents that are approved for release.



PA Saultry
Colonel
Accredited Decision Maker
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29 October 2018