



**FOI 071/17/18 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:

*The budgets, menus, expenses, invoices, receipts, credit card statements and reimbursements for the most expensive event paid for by the Department of Defence and attended by a Minister or Assistant Minister in the Defence portfolio in FY 2016-17.*

*Excludes personal email addresses, signatures, personnel (PMKeyS) numbers and mobile telephone numbers.*

**FOI decision maker**

2. I am the accredited officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

**Documents identified**

3. I identified 11 documents as matching the description of the request.

4. I have added an FOI reference number and serial number to each of the documents.

**Decision**

5. I have decided to:

- a. release 11 documents in full; and
- 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**

6. 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).

**Further Information**

7. The 34 Squadron Thank You event was hosted by the Minister for Defence and attended by both the Minister for Defence Industry and the Minister for Defence Personnel.

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