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Hi Wade

As discussed, please see below update to STRAVA response.

DSVS confirmed they are happy to use these words (highlighted in blue below) and also confirmed neither the use of the application by Defence personnel or the release of the data is a security breach.

Below response for your clearance.

Response:

Defence is aware of the possible risks of the collection of location data through personal electronic devices and applications. The circumstances of this application does not constitute a security breach.

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Current media:

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- Strava is one of many applications and devices which collect user information. Many of these devices and activities are important to the quality of life of Defence staff.
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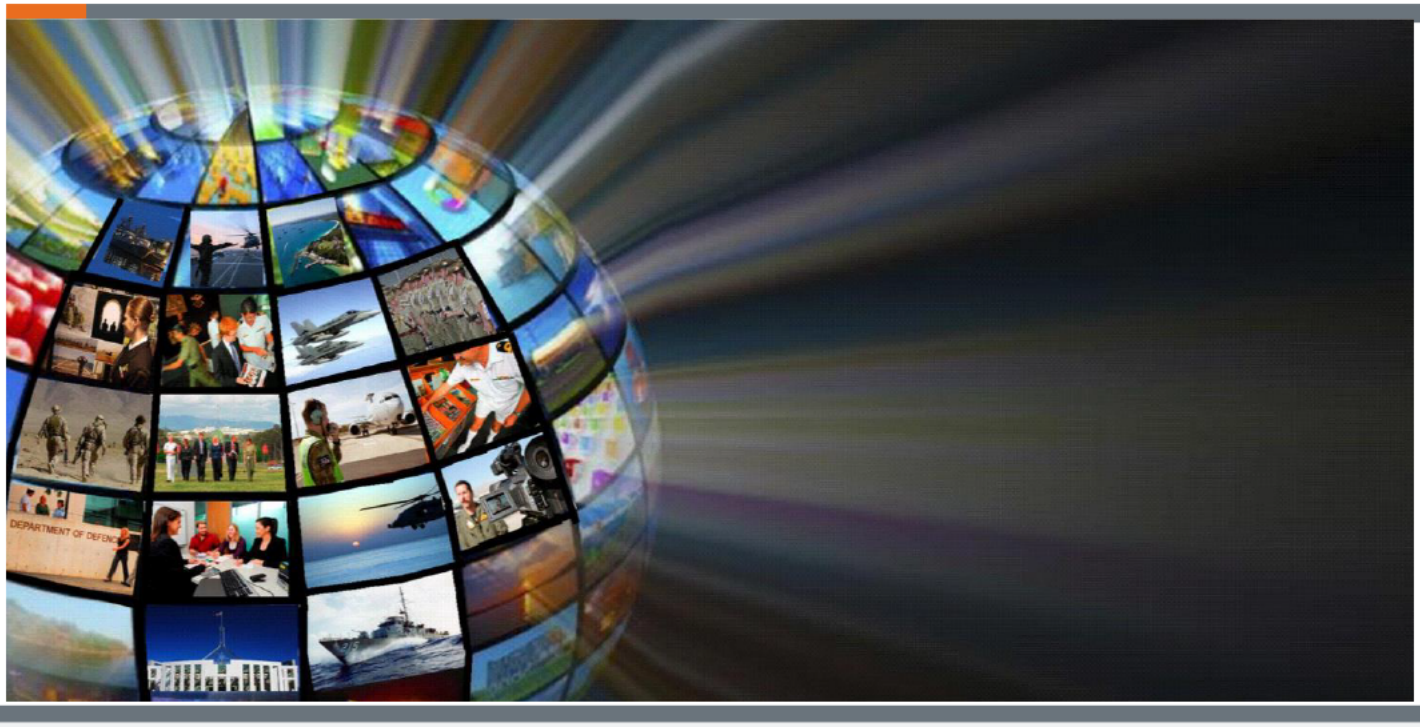

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Good afternoon

Defence media has received six enquiries today off the back of media reporting about Strava, a fitness app that has a 'global heat map' application within it. Copied below are sites for reference.

https://labs.strava.com/heatmap/#7.00/-120.90000/38.36000/hot/all
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/28/fitness-tracking-app-gives-away-location-of-secret-us-army-bases

Defence Security Vetting Service has prepared the below statement to provide to the following journalists:

- Luke Henriques-Gomes, News Daily
s47F [redacted]

The statement has been by OSEC and OCDF.

For OMINDEF clearance.

Regards
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