



**DEFENCE FOI 656/23/24**

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

1. I refer to the request by Simon Harris (the applicant), dated and received on 3 February 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

*“...the full video (incl audio) of the press conference held in Canberra on 16 January 2024 held by Defence.*

*I request an unedited version of the video covering the entire transcript/press conference.”*

**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 document as falling within the scope of the request.

**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 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).

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