



Australian Government
Department of Defence

FOI 071/17/18 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. I refer to the application by Mr Jackson Gothe-Snape 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 is a long standing bipartisan event that is attended by several members of the government and opposition.

8. This event was attended by both the Minister for Defence Industry and the Minister for Defence Personnel.

Nicola Viney
Accredited Decision Maker
Associate Secretary Group