



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Reference: BN13256297

FOI 244/19/20 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

“full copies of all parts of current dress regulations for the Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force.”

Excluding personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeys numbers and mobile telephone numbers, contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request. In addition, excluding duplicates of documents. Furthermore, Defence only considers final versions of documents.

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 two documents as matching the description of the request, the Uniform Instructions for the Royal Australian Navy and the Air Force Dress Manual.

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

Decision

5. I have decided to:

- a. release two 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); and
- e. advice received from the Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force.

Further Information

7. The Army Dress Manual is publically available at <https://www.army.gov.au/our-work/equipment-and-clothing/army-dress-manual/army-dress-manual-0>.

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