

FOI ref: 2020/0070

16 July 2020

Mr Alan Ashmore

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Dear Mr Ashmore,

## Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information Request no. 2020/0070

I refer to your request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 (FOI Act) received on 2 July 2020.

You have requested access to:

## NUMBER OF NEW APPLICATIONS TO THE AAT BY VETERANS:

I request the number of applications made to the AAT by veterans following the rejection of their claim by DVA and/or the VRB for the following period:

- 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018,
- 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019,
- 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019, and
- 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

On 14 July 2020, your request was revised to be:

The number of applications lodged in the Veterans' Appeals Division for the following periods:

- 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018,
- 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019,
- 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019, and
- 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

We received your request on **2 July 2020** and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by **3 August 2020**. The 30 day period may be extended if we need to consult other parties or for other reasons permitted under the FOI Act.

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our <u>disclosure log</u>, subject to certain exceptions. Personal information, for example, will not be published where this would be unreasonable.

We will contact you using the email address and phone number you have provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact.

If you have any questions, please contact me at foi@aat.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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