



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Defence Reference: FOI 073/20/21

FOI 073/20/21 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

"I request number of contractors, consultants, and OSP's taken in the 5 most recent Defence External Workforce Censuses."

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. One document was generated in accordance with section 17(1)(c)(i) of the FOI Act to satisfy the description of the request. This was done on the basis that:

- a. A written document can be produced containing the information by using a 'computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available' to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information.
- b. Producing the written document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations s17(2).

Decision

4. I have decided to release the document created under section 17 of the FOI Act in full.

Material taken into account

5. 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 officers within Defence Finance Group.

Further Information

6. Under section 17 of the FOI Act I have dealt with the request as if it were a request for access to a written document so produced and containing the requested information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassandra Valentine'.

Cassandra Valentine
Accredited Decision Maker
Defence Finance Group