



Australian Government
Department of Defence

DEFENCE FOI 154/21/22 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

“...the following electronically stored information:

1) The total number of Navy Officers that currently hold any of the following positions:

- a. Major Fleet Unit Commanding Officer*
- b. Major Fleet Unit Executive Officer*
- c. Minor War Vessel Commanding Officer*
- d. Minor War Vessel Executive Officer*
- e. Major Fleet Unit Principal Warfare Officer*

2) The total number of Navy Officers from Paragraph 1 that have also self-identified via PMKeyS Self-Service in the “Workplace Equity and Diversity: Ethnic Background” Section as any one of the following:

- a. North East Asian*
- b. South East Asian*
- c. Southern and Central Asian*
- d. Sub-Saharan African*
- e. Nth African & Middle Eastern*
- f. Peoples of the Americas*

I am not requesting any identifiable information (names, PMKeyS numbers, rank, seniority, addresses, contact information, etc) about any of the Officers that hold any positions in Paragraph 1.

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 under section 17 of the FOI Act matching the description of this request. In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act:

- a. a written document was produced containing the information by using a ‘computer or other equipment that is ordinarily available to the agency for retrieving or collating stored information’ (section 17(1)(c)(i)); and
- b. producing the written document did not ‘substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations’ (section 17(2)).

Decision

4. I have decided to release the document 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 document 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 Directorate of Career Management – Navy.

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