



Reference: [BN8884981]

FOI 042/19/20 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

“...Please provide the numbers of ADF members (by gender and service) over the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 who:

- 1. Were issued notices to show cause proposing to terminate their service in the ADF.*
- 2. Were retained by the ADF after the Notice and any response was considered by an imposing authority Happy for the information to be sent via email in order to make the process simpler....”*

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. The Department has undertaken a search of its records, and has identified that no discrete documents existed at the time of your request that contained the information you seek.

4. Section 17 of the FOI Act states that where a request is made to an agency, but it is for information that is not available in discrete form in written documents of the agency, and the agency could produce a written document containing the information by the use of a computer, then the agency may deal with the request as if it were a request for access to such a document.

5. I consider that the information you have requested meets the above criteria. Navy, Army and Air Force gathered the relevant information for each Service over the three years you identified and created a summary document under section 17 of the FOI Act.

Decision

6. I have decided to release the summary document to you in full.

Material taken into account

7. 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 provided from Navy, Army and Air Force.

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