



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Objective Reference: BN21930809

FOI 095/20/21 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:

“...the total number of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members who have been taken off postings or deployments due to health risks associated with COVID-19 since 25 January 2020.”

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 the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to release one document in full.

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
 - the content of the identified document in issue;
 - relevant provisions in the FOI Act;
 - the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines); and
 - advice received from relevant Defence subject matter experts.

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