



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Defence Reference: FOI 113/20/21

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FOI 113/20/21 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 following information regarding the number of ADF recruits, by age at enlistment, for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-2020. This is to be broken up into the number for each service, i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force for:

MALES: Whose age on enlistment was between 40 and 49.

Who, on enlistment, were aged 50 or more.

FEMALES: Whose age on enlistment was between 40 and 49.

Who, on enlistment, were aged 50 or more.

I also require by each of the above categories the number who, within 6 months of enlistment were:

: Administratively discharged, and

: Medically discharged.”

In reply to an email from Defence seeking to clarify the scope, the scope was adjusted to provide the information as above for financial year 2018-19 and until the end of 2019.

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 subsection 17(1)(c)(i) of the FOI Act to satisfy the description of the request. This was done on the basis that a written document could be produced containing the information in discrete form by the use of a computer ordinarily available to Defence for retrieving or collating stored information.

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 People 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.

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