



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

Reference: BP5371706

**FOI 141/19/20 STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

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

*“Regarding the RAAF airbus registration a39-007 1:*

- 1. how many crew would be on a long haul flight including flight stewards, mechanics and pilots*
- 2. what is the layout of the VIP section and what furniture/seats (number of) are in each area including bedroom, office, executive seating*
- 3. how many first class, business class and economy class seats are there in the rest of the plane on a VIP mission*
- 4. what was the cost of outfitting the VIP section”*

**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.

- 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 (s 17(1)(c)(i)).
- b. Producing the written document did not substantially and unreasonably divert resources of the agency from its other operations (s 17(2)).

**Decision**

4. I have decided to release one 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 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 the department including from Number 34 Squadron VIP Operations, Air Force Headquarters Ministerial Liaison Officer and Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.

**Context Statement**

6. On 23 September 2019, a notice of practical refusal was sent to the applicant advising that questions could be addressed by RAAF producing a custom document under section 17 of the FOI Act. On 5 October 2019, the applicant responded with the questions present as they appear in the scope of this request. Subsequently the document for this request was generated under section 17 of the FOI Act.

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