



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Reference: BN11604456

FOI 255/19/20 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:

'The dates and discrete total costs of the Minister for Defence Industry's visit to the United States in October 2019 (including VIP flights, commercial flights, accommodation, security, meals, alcohol, gifts and any other associated costs incurred by the Minister, her staff and Departmental Officials who participated in the official programme)'

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.

Document identified

3. 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.

4. In accordance with Section 17 (1) of the FOI Act I have created a written document containing the requested information.

Decision

5. I have decided to release in full the document created under Section 17 (1) of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

6. 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; and
- d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

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