



Reference: BN16480741

**FOI 456/19/20 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:

- The travel dates and total costs of the former Chief of Navy Mr Tim Barrett's visit to the United Kingdom (and France, if applicable) in September 2019 (including VIP flights, commercial flights, accommodation, security, meals, alcohol, gifts and any other associated costs incurred by the chef de mission and his staff or travel companions)*
- The travel dates and total costs of Australia Defence Advocate Mr David Johnston's visit to the United Kingdom and France (if applicable) in September 2019 (including VIP flights, commercial flights, accommodation, security, meals, alcohol, gifts and any other associated costs incurred by the chef de mission and his staff or travel companions)*
- The number of Team Defence Australia and / or other Defence officials who participated in the Defence and Security Equipment International tradeshow, seminar and reception at Australia House in London and the Ministerial visit to France*
- The travel dates and total costs of Team Defence Australia and / or other Defence officials visit to the United Kingdom and France (if applicable) in September 2019 (including VIP flights, commercial flights, accommodation, security, meals, alcohol, gifts and any other associated costs incurred by the officials and their staff or travel companions)*
- The travel dates, names, roles and total costs of any other participant/s the department funded to participate in the Defence and Security Equipment International tradeshow, the associated seminar and reception at Australia House in London and Ministerial visit to France (if applicable) in September 2019 (including VIP flights, commercial flights, accommodation, security, meals, alcohol, gifts and any other associated costs incurred by the participant/s and their staff or travel companions)*
- The total costs of Australia's participation in the 2019 Defence and Security Equipment International tradeshow (including exhibition fees, consultancy, promotional material, photographers and any other associated costs)*
- A participation list for the delegation to the 2019 Defence and Security Equipment International tradeshow (including any other Department that participated)*
- The total costs of the associated seminar and reception at Australia House in London (including exhibition fees, consultancy, appearance fees, catering, alcohol, gifts, promotional material, photographers and any other associated costs)*
- A participation list for the associated seminar and reception at Australia House in London (including any other Department that participated)*
- A participation list for any events or meetings during the Ministerial visit to France'*

**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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