



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Reference: BN15036775

FOI 476/19/20 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:

“...ministerial briefing documents produced between mid 2018 to mid 2019 regarding Operation Tamar’s Meritorious Unit Citation award.”

Excluding personal email addresses, signatures, PMKeyS numbers and mobile telephone numbers, contained in documents that fall within the scope of the FOI request. In addition, excluding duplicates of documents, and documents sent to and from you. Furthermore, Defence only considers final versions of documents.

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. I identified two documents as matching the description of the request.
4. I have added an FOI reference number and Item number to each of the documents.

Decision

5. I have decided to:
 - a. release two documents in full; and
 - b. remove irrelevant material as referred to in the scope of the request in accordance with section 22(1)(b)(ii) 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 documents 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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