



Defence Reference: FOI 555/19/20

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FOI 555/19/20 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:

“I am seeking the following documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982:

ITEM 1 - II Class Training Program

- a. Date of document: 2009 (January to June)*
- b. Type of document: Excel Spreadsheet*
- c. Author: Royal Military College - Duntroon*

ITEM 2 - I Class Training Program

- a. Date of document: 2009 (July to December)*
- b. Type of document: Excel Spreadsheet*
- c. Author: Royal Military College - Duntroon”*

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, totalling two pages, as matching the scope of this request.

Decision

4. I have decided to partially release two documents in accordance with section 22 [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act.

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)
- e. advice provided by Royal Military College – Duntroon.

Reasons for decision

Section 22 – Edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

6. Section 22 of the FOI Act provides that if an agency or Minister decides:

- (i) *to refuse access to an exempt document; or*
- (ii) *that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access*

and it is reasonably practicable to prepare a copy of the document modified by deletions, the agency or Minister must give the applicant access to the edited copy.

7. Considering all of the above, I decided that it was reasonably practicable to remove the material that did not fall within scope of this request and release the documents in that form.

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