



Defence Reference: FOI 619/19/20

FOI 619/19/20 - 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 specific correspondence from the then Minister for Veteran's Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Bruce Scott MP, to the principal officers of the Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies in Respect of South-East Asian Service 1955-75, known as the Mohr Review. The applicant requested:

"a copy of the letter sent by the Minister on 5 October 1999."

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 one document as matching the description of the request.

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. Consultation with the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Reason for decision

6. The correspondence from Minister Scott on 5 October 1999 is unclassified and forms part of the instructions to the Mohr Review, particularly advice on determination of anomalies to be applied by the review.

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