



8 January 2018

In reply please quote:

FOI Request: FA 17/10/00915

File Number: ADF2017/111528

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Access Decision

On 22 October 2017, the former Department of Immigration and Border Protection received a request for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act).

On 20 December 2017 the Home Affairs Portfolio, including the Department of Home Affairs, was formally established. The Department of Home Affairs includes the entirety of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Australian Border Force and the Office of Transport Security from within the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. It also includes specific functions from the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Social Services and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

As such a decision has now been made on your request by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request for access under the FOI Act.

1 Scope of request

You have requested access to the following:

I seek information related to the Border Force Officer Recruit Training (BFORT) Course 10 and Fixed Term Assignment Officers in Darwin.

- 1. How many BFORT10 officers were relocated to Darwin in 2016 after their initial five weeks training in Sydney? When? What was the TOTAL cost of relocation including travel costs, allowances, uplift and delivery of household and personal effects and any other payments, per officer? (officers to be identified by officer 1, officer 2 etc)*
- 2. How many BFORT10 officers travelled to Adelaide in August 2016 to undertake the Primary Control Course? What were the TOTAL costs, including travel, allowances and any other payments?*
- 3. How many officers, and at what level, were relocated from Darwin to South Australia from September 2016-September 2017? On what date? What were the TOTAL costs, including travel, allowances, delivery of household and personal effects, payments to end*

rental accommodation and any other payments?

4. Were any of the officers relocated from Darwin to Adelaide between September 2016-September 2017 previous BFORT10 officers?

5. How many officers in Darwin had their Fixed Term Assignments ceased ahead of schedule in 2016 and when? What were the TOTAL costs to relocate these officers including travel costs, allowances, delivery of household and personal effects, financial assistance to end rental accommodation in Darwin and any other payments?

2 Authority to make decision

I am an officer authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests to access document or to amend or annotate records.

3 Relevant material

In reaching my decision I referred to the following:

- the terms of your request
- the FOI Act
- Guidelines published by the Office of the Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the FOI Guidelines)
- advice from the relevant business areas of the Department
- the Department's guidance material on the FOI Act

4 Document in scope of request

In accordance with section 17 of the FOI Act, the Department has used its computer systems to produce one document that contains information that falls within the scope of your request. This document is attached. The data produced in the document was in the possession of the Department on 22 October 2017 when your FOI request was received.

5 Decision

The decision in relation to the document in the possession of the Department which falls within the scope of your request is as follows:

- Release one document in full

6 Legislation

A copy of the FOI Act is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00251>.

7 Your Review Rights

Internal Review

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to apply for an internal review by the Department of this decision. Any request for internal review must be provided to the Department within 30 days of you being notified of the decision. Where possible please attach reasons why you believe a review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by an officer other than the original decision maker and the Department must make a review decision within 30 days.

Applications for review should be sent to:

By email to: foi.reviews@homeaffairs.gov.au

OR

By mail to:
Freedom of Information Section
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25
BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply directly to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) for a review of this decision. You must apply in writing within 60 days of this notice. For further information about review rights and how to submit a request for a review to the OAIC, please see Fact Sheet 12 "Freedom of information – Your review rights", available online at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-reviews>.

8 Making a Complaint

You may complain to the Australian Information Commissioner about action taken by the Department in relation to your request.

Your enquiries to the Australian Information Commissioner can be directed to:

Phone 1300 363 992 (local call charge)

Email enquiries@oaic.gov.au

There is no particular form required to make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner. The request should be in writing and should set out the grounds on which it is considered that the action taken in relation to the request should be investigated and identify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as the relevant agency.

9 Contacting the FOI Section

Should you wish to discuss this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Section at foi@homeaffairs.gov.au.

(signed electronically)


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