



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

Freedom of Information Request 012/23/24 – Notice of Access Decision

1. I refer to the application by The FOI People via the website Right to Know under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) seeking access to:

All public speeches made by the Minister of Defence that contain a condemnation about the killing of children in the occupied Palestinian Territories, specifically in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip since the 7th October 2023. I require all drafts and final versions of these speeches.

FOI decision maker

2. I am authorised pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Material taken into account

3. In making my decision, I had regard to:
- the terms of the request;
 - relevant provisions in the FOI Act; and
 - the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

Documents identified

4. I have identified one (1) document relevant to the scope of the request.

Decision

5. I have decided to grant access in full to the identified document.
6. The document is publicly available at the following link: [Motion on Hamas attacks on Israel and ongoing conflict | Defence Ministers](#).

Further information

7. You can access a variety of material on the Defence Minister's [website](#), including media releases, speeches, statements and transcripts.
8. If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner for review. More information can be found at Attachment A.

Samantha Ferry

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Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence

Attachment A – FOI review rights

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you may apply to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner for review. More information can be found at: [Freedom of information reviews | OAIC](#).

Information Commissioner Review

An application for review by the Information Commission must be made in writing within 60 days after the day notice of the IC reviewable decision was given.

Further information on how to apply for an Information Commissioner review can be found at: [Apply for an Information Commissioner review | OAIC](#).