



UNIVERSITY OF
CANBERRA

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Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of information request: 160029/15947

I refer to your application under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was received by the University on 26 November 2015 for access to the following documents:

Thesis Master of Public Administration 1991

Title the analysis of critical aspects of forecasting and planning the administration and management of overseas survey operations; the case of the Royal Australian Survey Corps in Iran Jaya 1975-1988

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I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make a decision in respect of your application.

The University has consulted with the Department of Defence and the author in order to confirm the security classification of the Thesis. As we have been unable to confirm that the document is not restricted, I have no option but to refuse your request for access to this document in accordance with sections 37A and 38 of the Act.

Statement of Reasons for Decision

Section 37A Documents affecting national security, defence or international relations

Your application requests access to a thesis that has been embargoed on the grounds that material contained in the thesis may be deemed classified by a state or Commonwealth agency. The document management of the planning and forecasting of overseas survey operations, is required to remain

Section 38 Documents to which secrecy provisions of enactments apply

Under section 73A of the Defence Act 1903 (Cth) a person is guilty of an offence if they obtain any plan, document, or information relating to any field work, defence work or to any of the defences of the Commonwealth, and that conduct is unlawful. The Thesis has a military-related embargo placed upon it and consequently its release to any member of the public could be unlawful.

As previously advised, a fee is payable in respect of the processing of your application under the Act. The actual time spent processing your request is shown below. The charges are based on the rates payable under the Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2014. An amount of \$[Redacted] is payable for payment.

PROCESSING CHARGES		
Decision making		
Task	Time	Cost \$33.00 per hour
Consultation (internally and externally)	11 hours	\$363.00
Determination	14.5 hours	\$478.50
B before exclusion of 10 hours in accordance with the Determination Item 400(5)(e)		\$841.50
A B b including exclusion of 10 hours in accordance with the Determination Item 400(5)(e)		\$511.50

TOTAL AND DEPOSIT	
B. PAID DEPOSIT 25% of total charge, in accordance with the Determination Item 401 (3)	\$221.92
TOTAL OWING (total of A minus B)	\$289.58

Your rights of review

You may, within 28 days of notification of this decision, apply in writing for an internal review of my