



Increasing veterans' workforce participation – accelerated access to rehabilitation

This measure will fund a pilot program to undertake rehabilitation services and support for veterans before a decision is made on a claim for liability under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA).

Why is this important?

This measure will ensure that veterans participating in the pilot will have their rehabilitation needs identified early and in some cases rehabilitation activities will commence prior to the claim being accepted. This will assist to minimise the ongoing effects of injuries and illness, and promote recovery and wellbeing.

The pilot will be limited to conditions that are likely to be accepted as related to the veteran's service. Where a veteran's claim for liability is not accepted, DVA will work with the veteran to transition to a community based rehabilitation provider. No costs associated with the rehabilitation services provided will be recovered from the veteran.

Who will benefit?

The pilot will involve 100 veterans.

Date of effect?

As soon as possible.

How much will this cost?

The suite of measures, *increasing veterans' workforce participation*, received collective funding of \$9.1 million over four years.