

Summary of Meeting – 8 November 2018

The 46th meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 8 November 2018. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Transition

The Committee received an update on the Transition Taskforce and was informed that currently five public hearings have been held with a sixth one scheduled for Canberra on 16 November.

The matters raised with the Committee are (so far) consistent with the findings and insights gathered by the Transition Taskforce, the National Mental Health Commission Review of Veteran Mental Health, the Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry into Veteran Suicide and the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Veteran Mental Health

The Inquiry's findings and recommendations and the Taskforce report will inform improvements to the support services available to transitioning members and their and their families.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee was informed of the progress of a number of pilots being conducted aiming to improve services for transitioning members.

The Committee was provided with an update on the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program and the Female Veterans' and Veterans' Policy Forum which was held in Canberra on 11-12 September 2018.

Reports Back

The Committee received updates on a range of other issues, including the Transition Health Assessment Project, Special Operations Forces Pilot, Mefloquine, and the Support Continuum Performance Report.

Other Business

Other issues discussed included the sharing of data between the Department of Defence and Department of Veterans' Affairs along with the Veterans' Recognition Project