

## **Summary of Meeting – 1 November 2016**

The 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 1 Nov 2016. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

### **Suicide Review**

The Committee noted progress on the Suicide Review being conducted by the National Mental Health Commission. The interim report is due by the end of December 2016, and the final report by the end of February 2017.

### **Transition**

The Committee received an update on transition and agreed the establishment of a Transition Taskforce to look further improvements to the process. A brief is to be prepared jointly by DVA, in consultation with Defence, for Minister Tehan.

### **Transformation Update**

The Committee received an update on DVA's Transformation program.

### **Policy, Programme and Initiatives**

The Committee was updated on progress of the Early Engagement Model which aims to establish a relationship between DVA and Defence members as early in their service as practical. Other updates were provided on Goal Attainment Scaling for rehabilitation outcomes, medical discharge rates and the Mefloquine outreach program.

### **Reports Back**

The Committee received reports on a range of issues, including the Support Continuum Performance Report, Non-Liability Health Care, jet fuel exposure case file review, joint research activities and the GP Connect Project.

### **Other Business**

Other issues discussed included the launch of the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Initiative and Ministerial priorities.