

Summary of Meeting – 16 August 2018

The 45th meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 16 August 2018. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Transition

The Committee received an update on the Transition Taskforce and was informed that the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade had resolved to inquire into and report on *Transition from the ADF*. The Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs have made a joint submission to the Inquiry. 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 upcoming Female Veterans' Policy Forum scheduled for September 2018.

An update on the White Card on Transition Project was provided and noted that the first White Card under this Project was issued on 15 June 2018.

Reports Back

The Committee received updates on a range of other issues, including the Transition Health Assessment Project, Mefloquine, Stepping Out – Attention Reset (SOAR) Program 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.