

Summary of Meeting – 2 December 2021

The 59th meeting of the Department of Defence/Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held via GovTEAMS on Thursday, 2 December 2021. The following Policy, Program and Initiatives were discussed at the meeting:

Strategy

The Committee was provided a verbal update on the implementation of both the recommendations from the Joint Standing Committee Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade – Transition (JSCFADT – Transition) and the Joint Transition Authority (JTA).

The Committee noted that Defence and DVA will close off their respective outstanding recommendations and submit a joint closure report to DLSC in the New Year.

The Committee also noted the next steps on the implementation of the JTA which includes a Communication and Information Campaign to relevant stakeholders.

Governance

The Committee noted that the implementation of the Defence-DVA Electronic Information Exchange (DDEIE) and Request Management System (RMS) projects remain subject to the successful completion of User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

Performance

The Committee received an update on the Defence Initiated Claims Initiative Pilot which is scheduled commence in the first half of 2022.

The Committee was provided a joint paper on Aligned Defence/DVA Wellbeing Factors. The presenters discussed the benefits and work completed to date to align the concept, language and application of wellbeing across both Departments. The Committee endorsed the approach and supported continued efforts to mature and align these factors with relevant stakeholders.

Other Business

The Chair thanked the Committee for their work and commitment throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry and safe Christmas and looked forward to working together again in 2022.

The next DLSC meeting has been scheduled for 27 April 2022.