

## **Summary of Meeting – 27 April 2022**

The 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Department of Defence/Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held via GovTEAMS on Wednesday, 27 April 2022. The following Policy, Program and Initiatives were discussed at the meeting:

### **Strategy**

The Committee was provided a verbal update on the Transition Taskforce Closure report and the Joint Transition Authority (JTA).

The Committee discussed the current status and future plans for the Data Sharing and Analytics Solution (DSAS) project and noted that DVA Wellbeing Metrics Stages 2 and 3 will deliver outcomes across four workstreams. Complimentary work is also underway within Defence and is on track.

The Committee received a presentation on the Veterans' MATES program which is a data driven health promotion program, providing up to-date health and medicines information specifically tailored for veterans and their healthcare team. This program has been in existence for 17 years and has been a positive connection between veterans and health care providers.

### **Governance**

The Committee noted that the implementation of the Defence-DVA Electronic Information Exchange (DDEIE) and Request Management System (RMS) Projects are progressing, with the first release scheduled for 23 May 2022 and a final release to follow in September 2022, once an outstanding issue is resolved.

### **Performance**

The Committee noted that the Defence Initiated Claims Initiative Pilot will help serving members with their transition to civilian life by facilitating early engagement with DVA's claims processes. DVA and Defence are working at an operational level to confirm role responsibilities and other legislative requirements before implementing the Pilot.

The Committee discussed the Support Continuum Performance Report for Quarters 3 and 4 of 2021. The Committee was advised of the ongoing collaboration between Defence and DVA across the key performance areas. Defence advised that work was underway to re-write Schedule 19 - Support Continuum Performance Metrics Framework to update this Report.

### **Other Business**

The Chair noted that it has been a busy beginning of the year with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and Senate Estimates appearances by both Defence and DVA.

The next DLSC meeting has been scheduled for 14 July 2022.