

Summary of Meeting – 16 September 2022

The 62nd meeting of the Department of Defence/Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held via GovTEAMS on Friday 16 September 2022. The following Policy, Programs and Initiatives were discussed at the meeting.

Strategy

The Committee was provided with a verbal update on the Transition Taskforce with the Taskforce having completed its work. Defence and DVA are working together to review the Government Response. The Transition Taskforce was established in 2016 to facilitate improved transition outcomes for ADF members and their families, and to ensure that current and future veterans and their families have the support that they need to transition effectively.

The Committee was provided with a verbal update on the Joint Transition Authority and noted that a new Veterans' Transition Strategy was being considered by Government.

The Committee was provided with a verbal update on development of the Veterans and Defence Family Strategy and noted that a Planning Engagement Survey and Workshop will be held on 1 November 2022. Monthly updates are provided to the Minister, and round table discussions are planned to commence in early January 2023.

A verbal update on the Data Sharing and Analytics Solution (DSAS) project was received. The Working Group has discussed three options to better enable data analytics between Defence and DVA. The Committee will review proposals to manage underlying privacy needs on 7 December 2022.

Governance

The Committee was provided with a verbal update on the implementation of the Defence-DVA Electronic Information Exchange (DDEIE) and Request Management System (RMS) Project. The Projects went live in Quarter 2, 2022 and have been named the Veteran Electronic Information Exchange. The system is providing improved efficiency in the exchange of and access to data to support claims by DVA clients.

Performance

The Committee discussed reviewing the presentation of data in the Support Continuum Performance Report. The intent is to provide a more streamlined report that would align data from the Support Continuum and the DSAS Project, within a wellbeing focus.

Early planning has commenced for the implementation of the new Veterans' and Families' Hubs as under the commitment made by incoming Government on 24 April 2022.

Other Business

The Committee noted a six-month extension is being sought on renewal of the DVA and Defence Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Research Agenda, to June 2023.

The next DLSC meeting has been scheduled for 7 December 2022.