

SUPPORTING VETERANS

Supporting Veterans provides additional funding for three programs that support veteran employment and health issues.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

This measure will empower individuals who have transitioned from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and provide tailored support to help them navigate the range of government and community support including:

- Boosting the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program by providing grants to not-for-profit organisations to deliver innovative programs to support veterans gain meaningful employment from early 2020 (\$16.2 million).
- Extending the Provisional Access to Medical Treatment trial to provide clients with access to treatment for specified conditions before their claim is approved. This trial is getting veterans the treatment they need faster and preventing the risk of further deterioration from their condition. The trial is also providing valuable data to shape the future of service delivery and will enable the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to continue to reduce the time taken to approve claims. The program will be subject to evaluation (\$4.2 million).
- Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling to provide mental health training to Returned and Service League of Australia (RSL) volunteers who work with veterans enhancing their capability to recognise people at risk and to provide intervention and support (\$4 million).

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

Veterans, their families, the Australian community and organisations that support veterans and former ADF members who seek their support.

DATE OF EFFECT

From 1 July 2019.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

\$24.4 million over four years from 2019–20 to 2022–23.