

Summary of Meeting – 21 August 2019

The 49th meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 21 August 2019. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Transition

The Committee received an update on the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program which continues to raise awareness of the unique skills and experience veterans can bring to the civilian workplace.

The Committee noted that the government response to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade Inquiry into Transition from the ADF will be finalised in conjunction with the government response to the Productivity Commission's report.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee was informed of progress of a number of initiatives to improve services for transitioning members. This included an expansion of On Base Advisory Services as part of the phased delivery of the Hub and Spoke program. The Committee noted that this program commenced with Campbell Barracks (WA) on 1 July 2019.

Reports Back

The Committee received updates on a range of other issues. This included the Mental Health Summit and Strategy, noting the whole-of government approach to suicide prevention, and DVA's Priority Investment Approach, in which data modelling is being used to enhance program/policy design and development.

Other Business

Other issues discussed included the Defence/DVA Electronic Information Exchange, a project to enable the electronic sharing of data between the Department of Defence and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.