

Summary of Meeting – 25 May 2017

The 40th meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 25 May 2017. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Transformation Update

The Committee received an update on DVA's Transformation program. The 2017-18 Budget has provided funding of \$166.6 million for Veteran Centric Reform and the focus has shifted to delivery.

Transition

The Committee received an update on transition. The Transition Taskforce comprising Defence, DVA and CSC is in the middle of its discovery phase and is consulting with current and former ADF members, ADF families, Ex-Service Organisations and other organisations that offer services or support for members who leave the ADF.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee were informed that the 2017-18 Budget provided funding for Proactive Interventions to deliver targeted assistance that will support veterans to lead healthy and productive lives.

Other updates were provided on the Early Engagement Model, Veterans' Employment Initiative and the Female Veterans' Policy Forum.

Reports Back

The Committee received reports on a range of issues, including the Support Continuum Performance Report, the Defence/DVA Research Advisory Committee, the Senate Inquiry into Suicide by Veterans and Ex-service Personnel, the National Mental Health Commission report on services available to veterans and members of the ADF in relation to the prevention of self-harm and suicide..

Other Business

Other issues discussed included access to DVA's Online Digital Services and a summary of funding provided in the 2017-18 Budget.