

Summary of Meeting – 6 March 2017

The 39th meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 6 Mar 2017. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Transformation Update

The Committee received an update on DVA's Transformation program. Work on the Second Pass Business Case has been finalised in preparation for Government consideration as part of the 2017 Budget process.

Transition

The Committee received an update on transition. A Transition Taskforce comprising Defence, DVA and CSC has been established to look for opportunities to further improve the transition process.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee was updated on the introduction of the Early Engagement Model which aims to establish a relationship between DVA and Defence members as early in their service as practical. DVA now receives advice when a member enlists in, or is appointed to, the ADF and again when they transition from full-time service.

Other updates were provided on the Veterans' Employment Initiative, the Female Veterans' Policy Forum and Defence Force Ombudsman complainants' access to counselling support.

Reports Back

The Committee received reports on a range of issues, including the Support Continuum Performance Report, the Senate Inquiry into Suicide by Veterans and Ex-service Personnel, the Senate Inquiry into the Mental Health of ADF members and Veterans and the Transition and Wellbeing Research Program.

Other Business

Other issues discussed included DVA's attendance at the hearing of the Standing Committee on Health, Sport and Aged Care.