

Department of Defence / Department of Veterans' Affairs
Links Steering Committee

Summary of Meeting – 8 December 2020

The 54th meeting of the Defence / Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held via GovTEAMS on Tuesday, 8 December 2020. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee discussed Departmental Future Data Needs/Requirements to assist in scoping the Data Sharing and Analytics Solution (DSAS) Framework. The next step is to hold a data workshop in the first quarter of 2021.

Reports Back

The Committee was provided with an update on the Enhanced Delivery of DVA services on ADF Bases, the Joint Transition Authority and Veteran Wellbeing Centres.

The Committee noted that DVA continues to maintain a flexible service delivery to 54 ADF Bases, in addition to developing a 10 part series of 90-second videos, with each episode outlining relevant DVA information at a specific point in an ADF member's career.

The Committee noted that ADF personnel transitioning from military to civilian life will be better supported with the 2020-21 Budget announcement of the establishment of the Joint Transition Authority, due to be fully operational by December 2022.

The Committee was provided an update of the progress of the six Veteran Wellbeing Centres being established, with confirmation that all six are expected to be fully operational by June 2022.

Other Business

A membership update to the Terms of Reference will be undertaken to include the DVA Commissioner for Defence Engagement.

The Committee noted concerns around proposed changes to the superannuation legislation and agreed to follow up with the Department of Finance.

Members agreed on 2021 meeting dates with the next DLSC meeting being scheduled for March 2021.