

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

Summary of Meeting – 9 September 2020

The 53rd meeting of the Defence / Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held via GovTEAMS on Wednesday, 9 September 2020. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

Policy, Programme and Initiatives

The Committee was provided papers on a number of initiatives to improve services for previous, transitioning and in-service Australian Defence Force members, including the Support to Wounded, Injured and Ill Program.

Reports Back

The Committee was provided with an update on Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) Claims Pilot, DVA Wellbeing Whole-of-Life Framework, and a Data Sharing and Analytics Solution.

The Committee noted that the concept of CDF making a claim on behalf of a member, under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA), will be trialled at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville following the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Commission approval of the MRCA claim form. The Pilot is intended to commence in late October 2020 / early November 2020.

The DVA Wellbeing Whole-of-Life Framework (Framework) was discussed. It has been developed to support the Department's strategic intent to shift to 'wellbeing'. This is a shift from illness to wellness, disability to capability, and treatment to prevention. The Framework articulates a single but broad definition of wellbeing, together with the principles, objectives and outcomes of embedding a wellbeing approach.

The Data Sharing and Analytic Solution will allow for information sharing and predictive modelling from a 'whole-of-life' perspective. The Committee noted that there are project stages which span four years and Stage 1 will commence in October 2020.

Other Business

Members noted the ongoing collaboration between Defence and DVA across the key performance areas and outcomes of the Support Continuum Performance Report.

The next DLSC meeting will be held in December 2020.