

Summary of Meeting – 31 May 2016

The 36th Department of Defence (Defence)/Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 30 May 2016. The following matters were discussed at the meeting:

Support Continuum Performance Report

The Committee reviewed the March 2016 Support Continuum Performance Report which covered two reporting periods from 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016. There was general discussion on incident, liability and claims data.

Review of the Defence/DVA Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The Committee endorsed the revised MoU which will now be considered by the Defence DVA Executive Committee (DDEC) on 30 June 2016. Subject to DDEC approval, a copy of the resigned MoU will be made available on the Defence internet site.

DVA Transformation

The Committee was provided with an update on planning for the DVA Transformation program and agreed that an update on this program be included as a standing Agenda item for future DLSC meetings.

Qualifying Service

The two Departments are continuing to work together regarding legislative solution for automated decision making.

OBAS Review - update

The Committee was informed that the review had been completed and that work had begun on the recommendations resulting from the review.

Report from the Defence Links Research Working Group

The Committee reviewed the report provided by DVA. The two major shared projects – the Transition and Wellbeing Research Program (TWRP) and the MRCA Rehabilitation Long-Term Study are progressing well.

DVA and Defence will be presenting on the TWRP at a number of major conferences in 2016, including: the Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference in July 2016, the APS Congress in Sept 2016 and AMMA in October 2016.