

### **Summary of Meeting – 24 July 2014**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Defence/Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 24 July 2014. The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

#### **Support Continuum Performance Report**

- The Committee reviewed the June 2014 Support Continuum Performance Report and discussed performance and reporting mechanisms and ongoing work to review key performance indicators.
- The Committee requested that a review of On Base Advisory Service be conducted, with an update on progress at the next meeting.

#### **Information Management Working Group (IMWG) Report**

- The Committee considered IMWG progress on developing a process of automatic referral of separating members' details to DVA, the Common Access Portal, the Request Management System, and Defence access to DVA claims and determinations data.

#### **Defence Notifications to DVA**

- It was noted that the enhanced process of Defence notifications to DVA has been operational for approximately four months. The Committee agreed that an update on this process would be provided at the next meeting.

#### **Defence Links Research Advisory Committee Report**

- The Committee noted that a Schedule to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Defence and the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Cooperative Delivery of Care and Support to Eligible Persons, the Joint Research Agenda, was executed on 25 June 2014, formalising research collaboration between Defence and DVA.

#### **ADF Service Women Steering Committee Report**

- The Committee noted the approval process for the publication of the joint Defence/DVA response to the ADF Service Women Steering Committee Report.

#### **Response to JSCFADT Report on Care of ADF Personnel Wounded and Injured on Operations (JSCFADT Report): Implementation of Recommendations 13 & 15**

- The Committee endorsed the draft progress report on the implementation of Recommendations 13 and 15 of the JSCFADT Report.

#### **Progress on MRCA Review Implementation Education Program**

- It was noted that an advisory committee on the MRCA Review Implementation Education Program Planning has been established and includes Defence, DVA and ComSuper members.

#### **Ongoing Business**

- Defence's broader definition of 'External Support Community' encompassing organisations such as non-military philanthropic bodies was discussed.
- An update on the upcoming rollout of the use of Defence identification cards as Proof of Identity (POI) for access to DVA services was provided.
- The next meeting will be held on 8 December 2014.