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Links Steering Committee

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**Summary of Meeting – 24 November 2017**

The 42nd meeting of the Defence DVA Links Steering Committee (DLSC) was held in Canberra on 24 November 2017. The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

**Transition**

The Committee received an update from the Transition Taskforce. A report outlining objectives and recommendations was presented for approval to update the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Defence Personnel.

**Policy, Programme and Initiatives**

The Committee were advised of the success of the Female Veterans Forum and Veterans’ Families Policy Forum held on 10 to 11 October 2017.

The Committee were informed of the progress of a number of pilots being conducted aiming to improve services for transitioning members.

Other updates were provided on the Prime Minister’s Veterans’ Employment Initiative, the White Card on Exit initiative and the MRCA Rehabilitation Long Term Study.

**Reports Back**

The Committee discussed the Government Response to Veteran Mental Health and Suicide Inquires.

The Committee received reports on a range of other issues, including the Support Continuum Performance Report, the Defence/DVA Research Advisory Committee and Mefloquine.

**Other Business**

Other issues discussed included the Garrison Health Contract Project – Next Generation Health.