

**THE DEFENCE LEGAL SERVICE**  
**CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**MEETING OF 22 SEP 03**

**COMMITTEE DECISION 125/03**

**Subject: Policy – Priorities for Attendance at Legal Training Module 2 Courses**

**The Committee noted:**

1. The briefing paper dated 19 Sep 03 provided by LTCOL Muggleton, A/DMLC concerning the likelihood of over subscription for Legal Training Module (LTM) 2 courses and the need for policy concerning legal officer participation in that training.
2. The professional development program for ADF legal officers was approved by the DFRT in its decision of Feb 00 concerning the Legal Officers' Specialist Career Structure. Under the professional development program attainment of academic qualifications is part of the criteria for advancement in legal competency levels (LL).
3. The academic element of the professional development program consists of various legal training courses such as Legal Training Module [LTM] 1 (the distance learning package), LTM 2 (resulting in a Graduate Diploma in Military Law) and LTM 3 (resulting in a Master of Military Law/Law).
4. Funding for the professional development program is part of the TDLS funding arrangements. The recent budget process identified that funding for LTM 2 and LTM 3 was limited and approval of \$285K for each course each FY was agreed.
5. That in Decision 31/03 the Committee introduced Funding Priorities for Legal Training and in Decision 123/03 the Committee agreed that an ADF officer was not eligible to undertake any LTM courses unless a member of the Legal Officers' Specialist Career Structure.
6. That funding restrictions limit the number of legal officers attending LTM 2 courses to 25 and instructor preferences and class facilities limit the optimum number of students for these courses to 28.

**The Committee decided to:**

1. **Agree** to the introduction of priorities for attendance on LTM 2 courses.
2. **Agree** that, except with special approval of the CPDC, a legal officer

will not be permitted to undertake any LTM 2 courses until that legal officer has satisfactorily completed LTM 1.

3. **Agree** that legal officers in the Permanent Forces:

a. will be given priority over legal officers in the Reserves for attendance at LTM 2 courses; and

b. should be given priority for attendance at LTM 2 courses in accordance with the timing of their expected advancement to LL 3.

4. **Agree**, subject to sub paragraph 3a, that legal officers in the Reserves:

a. should be given priority for attendance at LTM 2 courses in accordance with the timing of their expected advancement to LL 3.

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