

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LEGAL SERVICES
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 29 NOV 06

COMMITTEE DECISION 159/06

Subject: Policy – Attendance at Legal Training Module (LTM) 1

The Committee noted:

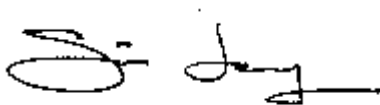
1. The professional development program for ADF legal officers approved by the DFRT in its decision of Feb 00 concerning the Legal Officers' Specialist Career Structure and, in particular, that *newly recruited legal officers undertake LTM 1 within the first 12 months of their appointment.*

2. That the Secretary commented on the fact that a number of reserve legal officers attending LTM 1 courses had been legal officers for some years. Accordingly, during the time between appointment and attending LTM 1 those legal officers had no proper foundation of military legal knowledge or even the role they were to undertake in the military.

3. That DMLC explained that RANR officers normally do not undertake LTM 1 until they have completed initial officer training and that may take some years.

The Committee decided to:

1. **Agree** that ADF legal officers should undertake LTM 1 at the earliest possible opportunity and do not need to have completed initial officer training before undertaking LTM 1.



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