

# **LEGAL OFFICER CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING OF 10 MAR 09 COMMITTEE DECISION 18/09**

### **Subject: Policy – Panel Sizes for Legal Training Module Course Subjects**

#### **The Committee noted:**

1. The brief dated 30 Jan 09 by DMLC seeking a recommendation to HDL that:
  - a. a panel size of 25 for LTM 2 course subjects for FY 09/10 onwards;
  - b. if Defence Legal finances permit, a panel size of 25 for the LTM 2 subject in June 2009; and
  - c. a continued panel size of 25 for LTM 3 course subjects.
2. That on 10 Apr 08, at a special meeting, the Committee confirmed the HDL direction that from Jul 08 onwards the panel size of LTM 2 courses was to be cut from 25 to 18 for financial reasons.
3. That during calendar year 2008 the waiting list for subjects were:
  - a. LTM 2 Operations Law – 4 (when 23 students attended);
  - b. LTM 2 Administrative Law – 8;
  - c. LTM 2 Discipline Law – 14; and
  - d. LTM 2 Advocacy - 8.
4. That DMLC was of the view that a continued panel size of 18 for LTM 2 course subjects would be unlikely to meet demand and would lead to ever increasing waiting lists.
5. That the DL-R was of the view that limiting the panel size for LTM 2 course subjects would adversely impact on reserve LOs because of the current panelling criteria.

**The Committee decided to:**

1. **Seek** from DMLC a break down of the waiting lists to identify those members who were reserve and permanent and their seniority in CL.
2. **Seek** from DMLC details of the number seeking to undertake the Jun 09 LTM 2 subject and the details of those who would be placed on a waiting list.
3. Based on the above information, **seek** from DMLC a review of the Panelling Criteria in CPDC Policy Decision 50/08.



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