

LEGAL OFFICER CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OUT-OF-SESSION DECISION OF 21 AUG 07 COMMITTEE DECISION 56/07

Subject: Policy – Overseas Travel to Undertake LTM courses

The Committee noted:

1. That the Director, Military Law Centre had received requests for funding overseas travel to attend Legal Training Module (LTM) courses and his budget did not extend to funding any overseas travel.
2. The DFRT Decisions on the Legal Officers' Specialist Officer Career Structure (LOSCS) and the Outline of the LOSOCS dated 21 Mar 07.
3. The advice from the Finance Manager is that where attendance at a course is not compulsory a delegate, in this case the Director General Australian Defence Force Legal Services, has the capacity due to financial constraints to offer a member a fare lower than what would normally be the entitlement (economy class instead of business class). The member then has a choice to formally accept or deny the offer and additionally note that travel is not compulsory.

The Committee decided to:

1. **Agree** that, apart from the circumstances outlined below, Defence Legal will NOT fund overseas travel for a legal officer to return to Australia to attend a LTM course.
2. **Agree** that legal officers being posted overseas should be informed that Defence Legal will not fund overseas travel for a legal officer to return to Australia to attend a LTM course.

3. **Agree** that where a permanent force legal officer posted overseas, other than on a deployment, has completed all but one subject of LTM 2 and has been unable to complete that remaining subject of LTM 2 because of exigencies of the service arising prior to the overseas posting, the legal officer may apply to the MLC for funding for an economy return fare to attend the remaining LTM 2 course provided the legal officer acknowledges in writing that travel to the course is not compulsory at that time and the legal officer has chosen to travel at that time and is prepared to travel economy class in order for Defence Legal to pay the airfare.
4. **Agree** that where a legal officer has applied for funding in accordance with the above paragraph, approval for economy class overseas travel is subject to availability of funds at that time.



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