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CREATION OF NEW LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

We have decided to create a new Legal Services Division within Corporate Services and Infrastructure Group (CSIG). This decision recognises the growing importance of Defence's legal services and their contribution to, and support of, Defence strategic priorities. The current structure for The Defence Legal Service (TDLS) has not provided it with the profile that it needed to fulfil this potential. Accordingly, the new division will include the existing TDLS and various other legally related functions. Progressively over the next few months the new Division will assume responsibility for managing the new legal panels, for which expressions of interest have recently closed, and other functions, including the compensation for defective administration scheme, act of grace payments, waivers and Alternative Dispute Resolution. These functions are currently managed elsewhere in the National Operations Division of CSIG.

The new position of head of the Legal Services Division could be filled by either a civilian or military officer. Mr Mark Cunliffe will take up duty as the first head of the new division with effect from Monday, 26 July 2004. The current Director-General TDLS, AIRCDRE Simon Harvey, will be appointed to a new post of Director-General ADF Legal Services and Dr David Lloyd will continue as Defence General Counsel.

Mr Cunliffe, AIRCDRE Harvey, and Dr Lloyd will work with Ms Di Fielding (Assistant Secretary Business Services) and Mr Charles Oakenfull (Assistant Secretary Personnel Services) to develop the details of the new structure and to manage this transition.



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