

# LEGAL OFFICER CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## MEETING OF 29 NOV 10 AND OUT-OF-SESSION ON 9 DEC 10 COMMITTEE DECISION 100/10

**Subject: Policy – Change to Legal Task Journal Assessment Policy**

### **The Committee noted:**

1. The DFRT Decisions on the Legal Officers' Specialist Officer Career Structure (LOSOCS), the Outline of the LOSOCS and the Legal Task Journal Assessment Policy (Amendment 2) dated 22 Dec 08.
2. That the Legal Task Journal Assessment policy as at 22 Dec 08 (the current policy), provides as follows:
  21. *A senior assessor is a Legal Officer who:*
    - a. *is a member of the LOSOCS;*
    - b. *has completed Defence Legal Assessor Training or is a currently qualified workplace assessor;*
    - c. *holds the same or higher rank and competency level as the assessor;*  
*and*
    - d. *is qualified at CL5<sup>1</sup>.*
3. That at the meeting it was identified that officers filling statutory positions of DMP and RMJ did not need to be qualified at CL5 to be appointed to those positions, yet it is in the interests of legal officers working in those areas to have both officers as senior assessors.
4. That the meeting agreed that both the DMP and RMJ should be senior assessors for Discipline and Advocacy only, but only if they would otherwise not qualify to be senior assessors under the existing Legal Task Journal Assessment Policy.
5. That the Secretary had circulated to members of the Committee the proposed change and this had been agreed.

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<sup>1</sup> This includes a Legal Officer of 0-5 rank who the CPDC has accepted as qualified at CL5 even though not yet posted to a CL5 position.

**The Committee decided to:**

1. **Agree** that the following paragraph be added to the Legal Task Journal Assessment Policy:

*21A. The holder of the appointments of DMP and RMJ is a senior assessor for Discipline and Advocacy only unless the holder of the appointment otherwise qualifies as a senior assessor under paragraph 21.*

2. **Approve** the attached Legal Task Journal Assessment Policy as at 9 Dec 10.



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