

LEGAL OFFICER CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OUT-OF-SESSION DECISION OF 30 JUL 12 COMMITTEE DECISION 55/12

Subject: Residential Components of Future LTM 2 & 3 Courses

The Committee noted:

1. The current contract for the delivery of LTM 2 and LTM 3 courses is due to expire at the end of next year and there is a need to seek tenders for a new contract to commence in 2014.
2. The current contractor, the Australian National University, has previously raised the option of delivering ADF specific LTM subjects as part residential and part external instead of the current method of delivery – fully residential.
3. That the Director MLC explained that the term ‘fully residential’ is used in the academic sense of the term and means face to face teaching.
4. The Military Law Centre has reviewed student comments on the current courses and identified a number of issues associated with the current courses.
5. The Military Law Centre considers that the delivery of ADF specific LTM courses by part residential and part external is likely to be less disruptive to students both PLO and RLO and would retain some aspects of focus and networking. The Director MLC has recommended that the tender documents should specify that:
 - a. the delivery of each LTM 2 course should have a minimum 3 day residential mode requirement;
 - b. the delivery of the core subjects of LTM 3 should have a minimum 3 day residential mode requirement; and
 - c. the delivery of the non-core LTM 3 subjects should NOT have a minimum residential mode requirement.
6. The Military Law Centre brief has been considered by all members of the Committee and most members agree with the recommendations made by Director MLC; however Secretary CPDC believes the vocationally focussed LTM 2 courses should remain fully residential.

The Committee decided to:

1. **Agree** to two of the recommendations made by Director MLC concerning tender documents for the next contract for the delivery of legal officer training, namely, the tender documents for the future legal officer training contract should specify that:
 - a. the delivery of the core subjects of LTM 3 should have a minimum 3 day residential mode requirement; and
 - b. the delivery of the non-core LTM 3 subjects should NOT have a minimum residential mode requirement.
2. **Not agree** that the delivery of core subjects of LTM 2 should only have a 3 day residential mode requirement but instead require core subjects of LTM 2 to have a minimum 5 day residential mode requirement.



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