

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LEGAL SERVICES
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 29 NOV 06

COMMITTEE DECISION 165/06

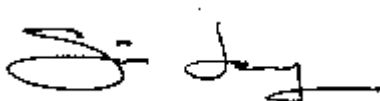
Subject: Policy – Implementation of the Legal Task Journal Assessment Scheme

The Committee noted:

1. The professional development program for ADF Legal Officers approved in the DFRT Decisions on the Legal Officers' Specialist Officer Career Structure (LOSOCS) and that under the professional development program part of the criteria for advancement in legal competency levels (CL formerly LL) since 1 Jul 04 is the completion of the qualification requirements of Legal Task Journals.
2. That the Secretary met with panel leaders in Adelaide to identify problems associated with implementation of the Legal Task Journal Scheme and it was agreed that Task Journals were not being used by the vast majority of reserve legal officers yet they needed to be used otherwise many legal officers would not have an opportunity to advance their CL
3. That the Secretary advised that the communication plan associated with the introduction of the Task Journals was deficient.
4. That the Secretary submitted that, following on suggestions made in Adelaide, the Legal Task Journals need to be recognised as an important document and the use of the Journals should be made so common as to become a habit.

The Committee decided to agree:

1. That Legal Task Journals be printed and issued to all ADF legal officers.
2. That all ADF legal officers should be briefed on the content and use of the Task Journals.
3. That the Secretary be responsible for implementation of the above decisions.



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