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Inquiry into transition from the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

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The report on the inquiry into transition from the ADF was tabled today by Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee of the [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#), [Jim Molan](#) AO, DSC.

Senator Molan says the report makes a number of recommendations on how Australia can better support veterans transitioning out of the Defence Force.

“The committee has recommended assigning clear responsibility for transition to Defence and providing for a professional case management approach to support the transition process,” Senator Molan said.

“It is also important to recognise that those people close to transitioning ADF members may be on that journey with them and are often also the first line of support. For this reason the committee supports making transition training and support services more broadly available to the families of transitioning ADF members and providing this access beyond the ADF member’s formal separation.”

The report recommends a reduction in the complexity of transitional programs, the establishment of professional case managers to oversee veterans transitioning and the commissioning of a study into the particular issues facing women veterans.

The report further recommends sustained funding for health research and education, Networked Centres of Treatment Excellence for veterans mental health and comprehensive training packages for veterans, and their families, re-entering civilian life.

[Inquiry into transition from the Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)](#) is available online.

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