



## **Submission No 37**

### **Inquiry into the Care of ADF Personnel Wounded and Injured on Operations**

**Organisation:** Department of Defence – questions on notice

**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – COMMITTEES**

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**Ms Brodtmann asked on Thursday 7 February 2012:**

**Q2: Promotion rates of Military Personnel**

Please provide comparative figures on the rates of promotion of military personnel who have been wounded (including those with PTSD) against those of personnel who are not wounded or with PTSD.

**Response:**

The ADF has commenced a number of initiatives to ensure that wounded, injured or ill members are provided the support and opportunity to recover and return to their previous or new work within the ADF. On return to full duties, members are able to compete with their peers for promotion opportunities. Military personnel, who are wounded, injured or ill have access to health care services and programs such as the ADF Rehabilitation Program. This includes access to:

- specialist treatment,
- a dedicated rehabilitation consultant to support their workplace-based rehabilitation and to coordinate care arrangements, and
- non-clinical aids and appliances in support of serious and/or complex rehabilitation needs.

Defence also has a comprehensive support continuum from prevention through to treatment in place to respond to the full range of post-traumatic mental health conditions experienced by ADF members, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Defence does not routinely compare the rates of promotion of military personnel who have been wounded (including those with PTSD) against those of personnel who are not wounded or with PTSD.

The information sought is not readily available. To obtain such information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.