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INSPECTOR—GENERAL AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE— PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM

A role of the Inspector-General Australian Defence Force (IGADF) is to advise Chief of the Defence Force on the health and effectiveness of the military justice system. This is achieved through an analysis of all available statistical and narrative information. Some information is quantitative, such as *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* (DFDA) and complaint statistics, while other information is more qualitative and anecdotal such as perceptions and experiences of members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) gained through the IGADF's military justice unit audit program, Defence Attitude Surveys, and review of reports of inquiries into particular matters.

Up until now, IGADF's reporting has been essentially narrative. The fairness and justice chapter in Defence Annual Reports is an example of such reporting. As foreshadowed in *DEFGRAM 288/2007—Inspector-general Australian Defence Force—Performance measurement of the Military Justice System*, IGADF initiated a project to improve his ability to report more thoroughly and in more detail through the implementation of a military justice performance measurement system. A key element of this project is the further development of an earlier information technology based data system that will link performance indicators and measures to available data, thereby assessing actual performance against established standards.

ThinkEvans Pty Ltd, having completed phase one of this project, is about to commence phase two with the aim of delivering an operational system by 30 June 2008. Initially, the system will be limited by such information as is currently available. Future phases will follow through the expansion of source data content, subject to Service and stakeholder consultation.

Members of the ThinkEvans project team will be contacting key stakeholders including Service Headquarters, Defence Personnel Executive, Office of the Chief Military Judge and the Registrar of the Australian Military Court, Office of the Director of Military Prosecutions, ADF Legal Services, Provost Marshal ADF and Fairness and Resolution Branch Directorates to follow up on interviews conducted during phase one and to identify current and releasable data subject to privacy and security considerations. Conceptually, the IGADF Project Coordinator will be the conduit for such data to the ThinkEvans Project Team. Stakeholder cooperation and collaboration in this project are requested.

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