

Acting Chief of the Defence Force welcomes Review into the Treatment of Women at the Australian Defence Force Academy

The Acting Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, has welcomed the Review into the Treatment of Women at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

"I thank Ms Elizabeth Broderick and her team for their excellent work. This comprehensive report touches on all aspects of life at ADFA in 2011," Air Marshal Binskin said.

Air Marshal Binskin said he had discussed the outcomes of the Review with the Chief of the Defence Force, General David Hurley who is currently overseas on Defence business.

"General Hurley was encouraged by the positive improvements identified at ADFA since the mid 1990s. However we both acknowledge there are some areas in ADFA's culture which can be improved," he said.

In her report, Ms Broderick noted that for the most part, both male and female Midshipmen and Officer Cadets had a positive experience at ADFA.

"I am extremely proud of the way the Officer Cadets, Midshipmen and staff at ADFA have conducted themselves during this Review," Air Marshal Binskin said.

"Their willingness to participate and their honesty is a positive reflection on themselves and on the ethos and values of the Academy."

In his appointment as the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Binskin has command responsibility for the Australian Defence College.

"The Secretary of Defence, the Chief of the Defence Force and I will work together with Commanders at all levels to determine the best way forward in adopting and implementing the recommendations arising from the Review," Air Marshal Binskin said.

"We are all committed to ensuring ADFA's future as the primary tertiary and military education training institution for ADF leaders."

The Broderick Review is available on the Australian Human Rights Commission website at: http://www.humanrights.gov.au/defencereview/ADFA_report/ADFA_2011.pdf

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