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SENIOR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

1. I am pleased to announce the following senior officer appointments and promotions, which are planned to occur from the nominated month. All are subject to ongoing work being undertaken under the auspices of the First Principles Review implementation that may result in a reduction in the number of Senior Leadership Group positions across the Department.


- a. **Head Joint Enabler/COMD ADC.** Major General Simone Wilkie has been extended in this position until December 2017.
- b. **Head Joint Systems Division.** Rear Admiral Tony Dalton from October 2015.
- c. **Program Manager JSF.** Air Vice-Marshal Leigh Gordon from March 2016.
- d. **Head People Capability.** Commodore Brett Wolski, on promotion to Rear Admiral, from December 2015.
- e. **Head Australian Defence Staff (Washington).** Air Commodore Alan Clements, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, from December 2016.
- f. **Head Aerospace Systems.** Air Commodore Cath Roberts, on promotion to Air Vice-Marshal, from March 2016.
- g. **Director General Strategic Issues Management.** Brigadier Mark Holmes has been extended in this position until February 2016.
- h. **ADF Liaison to US Joint Chiefs of Staff.** Air Commodore Ken Quinn has been extended in this position until June 2017.
- i. **Director General Capability Work Stream.** Commodore Bob Morrison has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- j. **J5 Deputy Director Regional Assist, PACOM.** Commodore Ian Middleton has been extended in this position until December 2016.
- k. **Commander Air Task Group.** Group Captain Phil Gordon, on promotion to Air Commodore, from June 2016.
- l. **Deputy Commander US 101 Airborne Division.** Brigadier Roger Noble from early 2016.
- m. **Deputy Commander Special Forces – Iraq.** Brigadier Adam Findlay from mid 2016.
- n. **Chief of Staff to Chief Joint Operations.** Brigadier Matt Hall from January 2016.

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- o. **Director General Navy Capability Transition and Sustainment.** Commodore Robert Elliott amended to May 2016.
- p. **Chief of Staff Navy Strategic Command.** Commodore Colin Lawrence from December 2015.
- q. **Commander Special Forces.** Colonel Gavin Duncan, on promotion to Brigadier, from January 2016.
- r. **Commander Aerospace Operational Support Group.** Air Commodore Joe Iervasi from December 2016.
- s. **Director General Air Command Operations.** Air Commodore Phil Gordon from December 2016.
- t. **Commander Air Combat Group.** Air Commodore Michael Kitcher from December 2016.
- u. **Director General Capability Planning – Air Force.** Group Captain Robert Chipman, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2016.
- v. **Director General Maritime Development.** Commodore Steve Hughes amended to May 2016.
- w. **Chair ADF Financial Services Consumer Council.** Air Commodore Robert Brown has been extended in this position until December 2018.



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