

Media Release

The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP

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RECORD NUMBER OF VETERANS STRENGTHENING OUR PUBLIC SECTOR

Veterans are making the Victorian public sector stronger, with support from the Andrews Labor Government so they can bring their impressive skills and experience to build a better Victoria.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today announced that since the launch of the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy, the Labor Government's landmark plan to boost veteran employment, 1159 former or current defence members have joined the public sector since mid-2017.

The milestone is a testament to the success of the strategy, which supports veterans to find work in Victorian departments and public agencies, as they build fulfilling civilian careers beyond their service. It puts the Labor Government on track to achieve its of 1,500 veterans employed between June 2017 and June 2025.

The strategy works through a number of initiatives which ensure veterans who join the public sector have access to quality advice and tailored opportunities to network and develop professionally.

Supports include the Veteran Mentor Program, which connects veterans already in the public sector with those interested in joining, and a Veteran Employee Network, which allows veterans working in the public sector to connect with each other, support new entrants, share insights and experiences.

For more information on the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy visit www.vic.gov.au/job-opportunities-veterans-victorian-public-sector.

Quote attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman

"We are proud to have attracted so many veterans into our public sector – we want all veterans to know they can continue making an incredible contribution to their communities working in the Victorian public sector. We will continue to support veterans transition into employment across both the public and private sector."

Quote attributable to Veterans Employment Advocate Major General David McLachlan AO (Retd)

"We have made significant inroads in improving awareness of the important contribution veterans can make in civilian workplaces and look forward to building on this work."