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This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the *Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Veterans' Health Advisory Council by:

Geoff Tattersall
Presiding Member



3 October 2017

Signature

Date

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Veterans' Health Advisory Council was established in March 2009 under the auspices of the *Health Care Act 2008* (the Act). It functions in accordance with the guidance provided in the Rules for the Council by the Minister for Health under Section 17 (3) of the Act.

The role of the Health Advisory Council, as defined by the Rules, is to:

- Advise the Minister on the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans.
- Advise the Minister on the delivery of health services to veterans.
- Advocate on behalf of veterans with the Minister.

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Objectives

The Health Advisory Council advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

The Health Advisory Council advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

The Health Advisory Council advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Health Advisory Council advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Organisation of the agency

The Advisory Council comprises no more than 11 volunteer Members, appointed by the Minister, as nominees of the RSL. In addition there may, at the Minister's discretion, be up to 4 volunteer Members selected and appointed by the Minister to the Advisory Council

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Nil to report.

Employment opportunity programs

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers and advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Agency performance management and development systems

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers and advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers and advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil to report.	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

The Veterans' Health Advisory Council is a non-incorporated Advisory Council. It does not control assets, incur expenditure or receive revenue.

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/08a86488-85c9-4cce-a982-1bfd34c45bc3>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Executive employment in the agency

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers and advocates on behalf of veterans with the Minister in regard to the health service needs, priorities and issues of veterans and the delivery of health services to veterans.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each Nil.	Purpose (combined)	0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each		
Nil.		0
Total all consultancies		\$0

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Financial performance of the agency

The Veterans' Health Advisory Council is a non-incorporated Advisory Council. It does not control assets, incur expenditure or receive revenue.

Other financial information

Nil to report

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Health Care Act 2008
Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 3 Related Matters, Clause 22 Annual Report
(1) A HAC must, within 3 months after the end of each financial year, deliver to the Minister a report on the operations of the HAC during that financial year.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

A whole of SA Health response will be provided in the 2016-17 Department for Health and Ageing Annual Report, which can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/publications+and+resources>

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17

The Veteran's Health Advisory Council is a non-incorporated entity and therefore do not produce financial statements.