

**Update to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on
Report 3, Administration of Justice in the Canadian Armed Forces, of the 2018 Spring
Reports of the Auditor General of Canada**

PACP Request for Information:

Given that much of the success of the Office of the Judge Advocate General's corrective measures will depend upon the successful implementation and use of the Justice Administration and Information Management System (JAIMS), the Committee requests a status update on JAIMS; initial feedback pertaining to its use; its training practices; and feedback pertaining to any administrative improvements in the military justice system.

Background

On April 22, 2020, National Defence received a letter from the Public Accounts Committee requesting an update on the implementation of the Justice Administration and Information Management System, or "JAIMS."

In May 2020, National Defence updated the Committee on the launch and rollout of JAIMS, training practices developed for users, initial feedback on use, and potential improvements to the administration of military justice. National Defence also reported that the impact of COVID-19 had halted the further development of the JAIMS software and its expanded rollout across the Canadian Armed Forces. National Defence was unable to provide a projected completion date for JAIMS' advanced functionality or concrete rollout timeline, but committed to updating the Committee by 31 December 2020.

At the time of the last update in December 2021, National Defence reported that it continued to establish the framework and processes necessary to enable the rollout of JAIMS across the Canadian Armed Forces in a measured and responsible manner, and committed to provide the Committee with more information in four areas: 1) specific timelines for JAIMS continued rollout, 2) progress made to the administration and functionality of JAIMS, 3) progress made on JAIMS User Training on the Defence Learning Network, and 4) user feedback as more units begin implementing JAIMS.

Update on the Justice Administration and Information Management System

JAIMS (version 2.0) Rollout

JAIMS rollout planning is underway. As indicated in National Defence's last update to the Committee in December 2021, amendments made to the *National Defence Act*, resulting from the implementation of the remaining provisions of Bill C-77 (*An Act to amend the National Defence Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts*) and the *Declaration of Victims Rights* on 20 June 2022, will have an impact on the administration of military justice case files. For example, the summary hearing form of a disciplinary trial has been introduced, and the current summary trial will be eliminated. The new decision process on proceeding by summary hearing versus court martial is also significantly different from the current system. These substantial changes to the military justice system processes have necessitated a new version of JAIMS (version 2.0) that will properly reflect the new summary hearing and court martial pathways. As such, National Defence has paused the rollout of JAIMS (version 1.0) to additional users and units to focus on the development of JAIMS 2.0.

National Defence will continue to ensure that JAIMS 2.0 reflects the current military justice system and is able to provide data that can be effectively measured and analyzed. National Defence anticipates the rollout of JAIMS 2.0 to commence by the end of 2023.

Functional and Administrative Improvements to JAIMS

With the transition to JAIMS 2.0, National Defence continues to make progress on the administration and functionality of JAIMS. For example, National Defence continues to work on the integration of both the Security and Military Police Information System (SAMPIS) and the Director of Military Prosecutions' Case Management System (DMP-CMS) within the JAIMS system. The implementation of DMP-CMS integration will be a requirement for JAIMS 2.0 rollout. In addition, extensive redesign of JAIMS 1.0 into 2.0 has required detailed analysis of the legislative, regulatory, and policy changes associated with Bill C-77 in order to develop, test, and implement these changes in JAIMS.

Furthermore, user feedback received from the units currently using JAIMS 1.0 continues to be applied to the development of JAIMS 2.0. This feedback on the usability and accuracy has enabled updates to JAIMS 1.0 that will be carried forward in the development of JAIMS 2.0.

JAIMS Training Practices

In April 2022, National Defence completed the development and delivery of the individual self-paced online learning via the Defence Team Learning Network (National Defence's virtual learning platform). Current JAIMS 1.0 users who wish to undertake refresher training, and any new users belonging to the current JAIMS 1.0 units, will be able to utilize this training system at any time.

National Defence will continue to develop its overall user training program and actively engage in identifying the changes to JAIMS training for JAIMS 2.0. This includes obtaining current user feedback through post-training surveys from JAIMS 1.0 Defence Team Learning Network training.

Future updates to the Committee

Continued development and implementation of JAIMS will allow National Defence to directly address many of the Auditor General's key findings, as well as recommendation 50 in the Report of the Third Independent Review Authority to the Minister of National Defence (Fish Report), which is to develop and begin operating JAIMS as soon as possible.

To fully implement recommendation 50 from former Justice Fish, National Defence is working to ensure that JAIMS 2.0 reflects the military justice system and is able to provide data that can be effectively measured and analyzed.

National Defence will next provide an update to the Committee outlining the plan and timeline associated with JAIMS 2.0 rollout, progress made to the administration and functionality of JAIMS, and progress made on JAIMS User Training by 30 June 2023.