

AMWU Answers to Questions on Notice from public hearing 17 October 2014

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Senator IAN MACDONALD: You have about 100,000 members. What percentage of those would actually be working in the defence industries—do you have a feel for that?

Dr Skladzien: I am not sure. I know that the direct employment in defence is around 15,000 people. But, I am not sure how many of our members would be directly employed in defence.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you have that back at the office or don't you keep those statistics as such?

Dr Skladzien: We keep various statistics. I am not sure if we would have that but I can certainly chase that up.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: If it is easily available, could you let us know as a question on notice. I was wondering how the 100,000 figure has varied over the last 10 years and then, how the percentage that is involved in defence industries has varied over the last same period. I am trying to get a trend growth in working in the—

I was not able to get the 10 year trend in AMWU membership in defence related industries but we have recently started to keep track of membership in this industry.

As of now, we have 4,066 defence related members, with just under half of these in shipbuilding and related industries. The rest comprise other defence manufacturing industries as well as some technical trades members in the department of defence and related agencies.

As for the second part of the Senator's question, on the share of total manufacturing employment that is defence related (over the past 10 years), we do not have figures for this, but the Parliamentary library is well placed to provide this info.