Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2015-16 – 17 February 2017

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Defence Annual Report 2015-16 – Women Average Length of Service

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Senator: Claydon

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Question:

Ms CLAYDON: Do we know how long, on average, women remain in the ADF before they transition out?

RADM Wolski: The median length of service for all ADF is about 7.6 years, and the average service is about 10 years.

Mr FEENEY: Can you disaggregate that for women?

RADM Wolski: I do not have it. We can take it on notice to get that.

Answer:

At the time of transitioning out of the permanent Australian Defence Force, females have a median length of service of 7.4 years and an average length of service of 9.2 years.