

Joint Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: ADF Average Retention

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Senator: Kelly

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Question:

Mr CRAIG KELLY: Do you have a number of years that the average recruitment stays in for?

Major Gen. Burr: I can get that information to you.

Answer:

As at 1 February 2017, the serving members in the permanent ADF have a median length of service of 8.5 years and average length of service of 11.1 years. The median figure is useful as it is less affected by outliers in the data, particularly those individuals with very long periods of service, which cause the average figure to be much higher.