

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS– OCTOBER 2016

Finance and Public Administration Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

Topic: Defence Force Ombudsman

Senator: Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore

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Question:

Senator SKYE KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:

On 2 September 2016 the Government announced the role of the Defence Force Ombudsman (DFO) would expand to provide an independent defence abuse reporting function.

1. Given the expanded DFO function will not begin until 1 December 2016, which agency are defence abuse victims expected to lodge a report with between 2 September 2016 and 1 December 2016?

Answer:

1. Both before and after 1 December 2016, reports of abuse in Defence can be made through internal Defence mechanisms. These are outlined on the Defence website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/ReportAbuse/>. The Government has announced the Defence Force Ombudsman will be able to receive reports of abuse from 1 December 2016.