

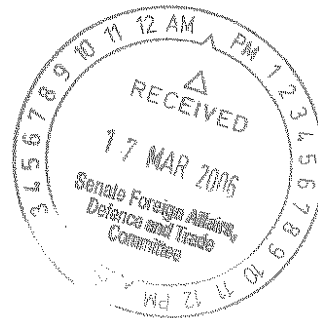


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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct statistical evidence that I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee 2005-06 additional estimates hearing on 15 February 2006 concerning the percentage of Australian Defence Force Cadets which enter the ADF.

In answer to a question from Senator Fierravanti-Wells (page 104 of *Proof Hansard* , 15 February 2006), I stated that ‘about 10 per cent of them [Australian Defence Force Cadets] come into the ADF’.

This information is incorrect because it implies that 10% of the eligible Cadet population joins the ADF every year. Defence does not collect that data. It is correct however, that of the total enlistments to the ADF (as averaged across 2001-2004) 11% are ex-cadets.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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