

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome/Program:**

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**Senator:** McKenzie

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**Question:**

**Dr Helgeby:** I might start the answer on that and Ms Ong might add to it as we go. The government has decided to create a new scheme for military personnel from 1 July 2016. It is an accumulation scheme, which is now the norm in modern superannuation in Australia, and is a more flexible form of scheme. This is useful because people who are in the military often serve for shorter periods of time—for a few years rather than for their whole career.

**Senator McKENZIE:** When you say, 'often', what sort of proportion are we talking about?

**Ms Ong:** I do not have a proportion but, if I recall correctly—and I can check for you—it would be about 70 per cent or even higher.

**Senator McKENZIE:** So a significant majority.

**Ms Ong:** A very significant majority.

**Answer:**

The Department of Defence has advised that almost 70 per cent of personnel have separated by the time they have completed 10 years of service.