

**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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**Type of question:** Written

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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. The DART was also able to arrange 'restorative engagement conferences' which enabled defence abuse victims to raise their experiences with a senior member of the ADF. Will the DFO arrange restorative engagement conferences should an abuse victim request it?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.