

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. What are the orders the DFO is able to make in relation to reports of abuse in Defence?

Answer:

1. The DFO can take any appropriate action to respond to reports of abuse in Defence, including through facilitating counselling and restorative engagement conferences and making any other recommendation it considers appropriate.