

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 27 and 28 May 2015:

Senator XENOPHON: Because of time constraints, perhaps we can truncate this. On notice, can you advise, perhaps as a matter of some urgency, given the number of victims of Defence abuse that there are still: what is the position of the task force? Does the current task force support the recommendation of the former chair, Len Roberts-Smith, that there ought to be a royal commission into the ADFA 24?

Mr Hall: I can take that on notice.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The current Terms of Reference effective as at 15 December 2014 require the Taskforce to liaise with the Sex Discrimination Commissioner on any implications of its work for the consideration of an appropriate response to the Taskforce's recommendation in its *Report on Abuse in Defence* regarding a Royal Commission into the Australian Defence Force Academy. In meeting this requirement the Taskforce has given this matter further consideration and will address this question in its report to the Minister for Defence and Minister for Justice by 30 June 2015.