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**Question No. SBE14/045**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:**

Mr Hall: Initially, the ADFA 24 referred to 24 cases of abuse and 19 victims of abuse.

Senator XENOPHON: So the majority—I want to use neutral language—of people that made a complaint came forward?

Mr Hall: No, that is not correct. Because we were able to identify possible cases through material provided by Defence, the total number of women who we are aware of that experienced sexual abuse at ADFA in the 1990s was 36; 16 of those are complainants to the task force.

Senator XENOPHON: Thank you. So 16 of those women went to the task force.

Mr Hall: Yes.

Senator XENOPHON: And that would have been in what period; up until what time—from what month to what month?

Mr Hall: The time that they came to the task force?

Senator XENOPHON: Yes. When did the first woman come to the task force?

Mr Hall: I would have to take that on notice, but the rough time frame would be from late 2012 until quite recently, in the last couple of months.

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

Of the 16 female complainants who experienced sexual abuse at ADFA in the 1990s, four originally made complaints to DLA Piper. The first of these complaints was transferred to the Taskforce on 20 February 2013. Of the women who made complaints directly to the Taskforce, the most recent complaint was made on 14 November 2014.