

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

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**Question No. SBE15/017**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

**Senator XENOPHON:** At page 15 of the November 2015 report it states that the task force is aware of at least 13 individuals allegedly responsible for perpetrating sexual abuse at ADFA in the 1990s still serving in the permanent forces or active reserves, and an additional three individuals who have transferred to the inactive standby reserves. Is that statement still accurate, in terms of those who are still serving?

**Ms Windeyer:** The figure we have as of 30 September is that the task force has referred 25 still-serving alleged abusers to the CDF.

**Senator XENOPHON:** How many of those are still serving in the permanent forces or active reserves? I am happy to put that on notice if that is more appropriate.

**Ms Windeyer:** I would like to take that on notice, thank you.

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

As at 30 September 2015 the taskforce had referred 25 individuals in relation to allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment or bullying and harassment at ADFA in the 1990s.

Of those, 16 were referred for sexual abuse and were still serving in the Permanent Forces or Active Reserves at the time of the referrals, which occurred between October 2013 and October 2014.

The Taskforce does not have access to the current service status of individuals serving in Defence, and does not routinely request from Defence updated service records in relation to referrals.