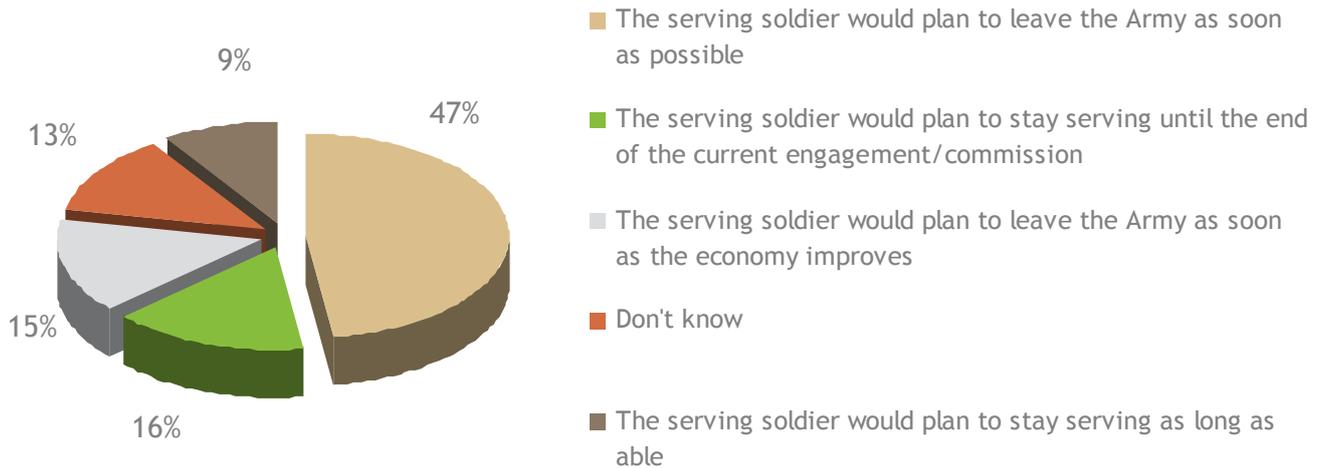
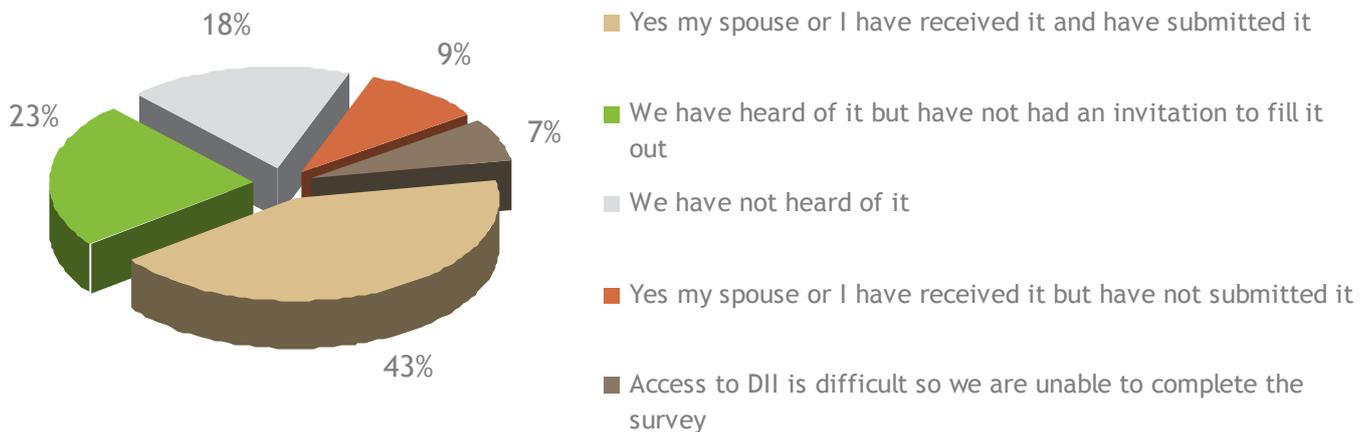


AFF conducted a Continuity of Education (CEA) Survey to allow families to express how important CEA is to them, to their children and to their commitment to the Armed Forces. The survey was available on our website and open to families with children younger than 18 years old. It ran from 4 February 2011 to 16 February 2011 and we received 3,204 responses. The survey was produced in response to the ministerial review into CEA and principally their Defense Analytical Service and Advice (DASA) written survey and the huge amount of negative feedback we received from their respondents.

If CEA were no longer available how would this affect your plans for the future?



As a claimant have you been asked to complete the DASA CEA survey?



54% of respondents claim CEA. Claimants were generally more mobile than the non-claimants.

Many respondents expressed concerns that the small element defrauding the system were contributing to the ruination of CEA. Respondents strongly advocated better regulations of the system and a tightening of the rules.

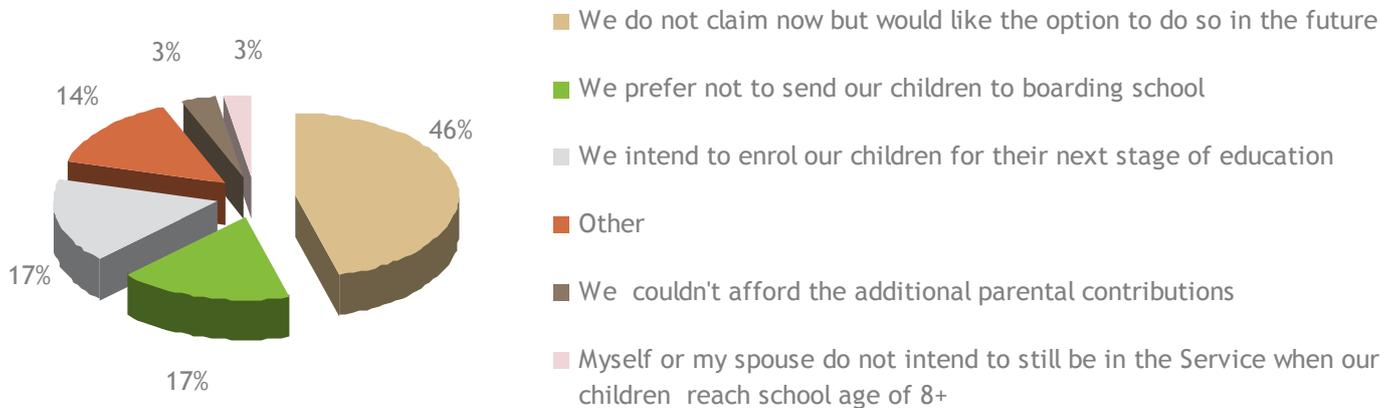
89% of respondents said it was important to their family to have the choice to serve married accompanied.

70% of all respondents disagreed that CEA should be restricted to senior school only.

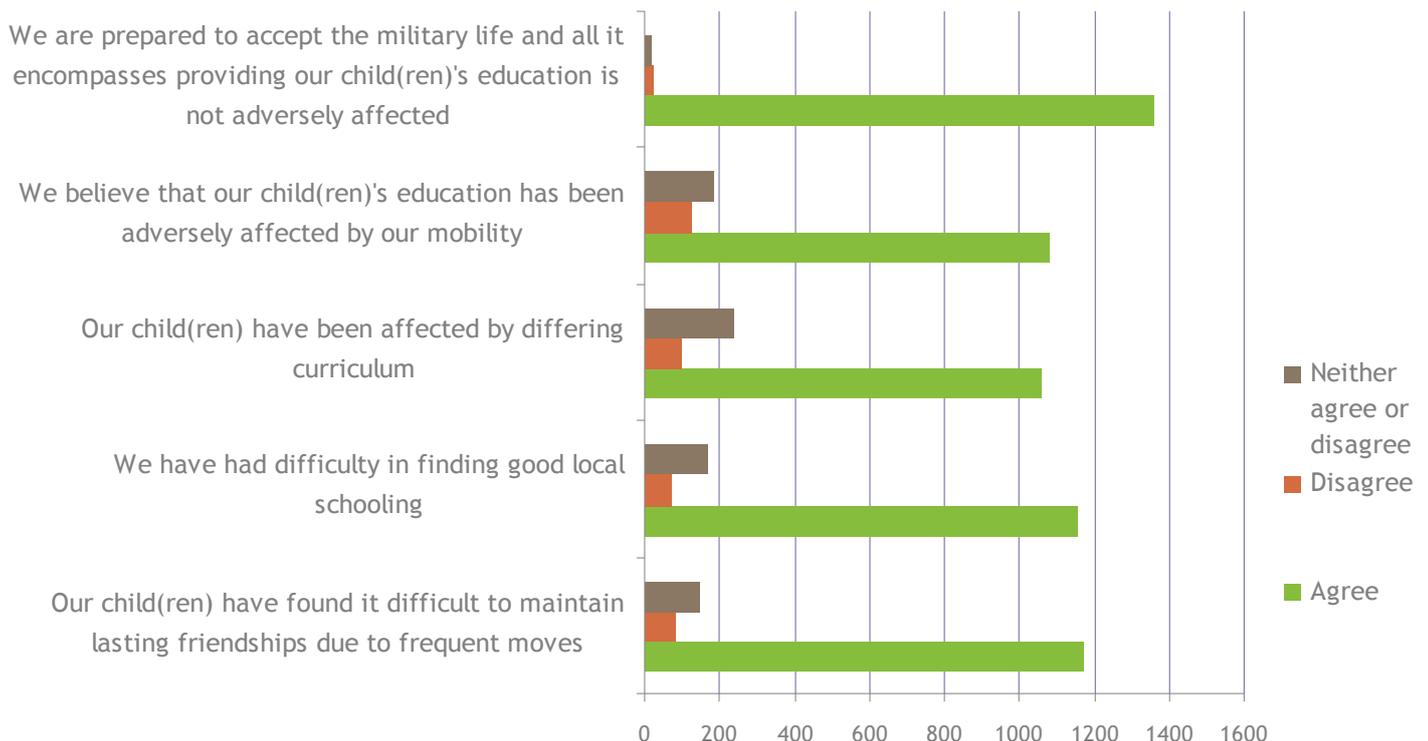
91% of claimants said that pastoral care (personal, social and emotional well-being of pupils) was the most important factor when choosing a school. If schools are limited, this will reduce options for parental choice of pastoral care.

79% disagreed that CEA should be limited to a certain number of schools.

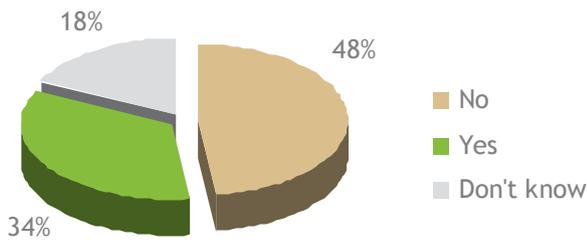
We are not claiming CEA for the following reasons:



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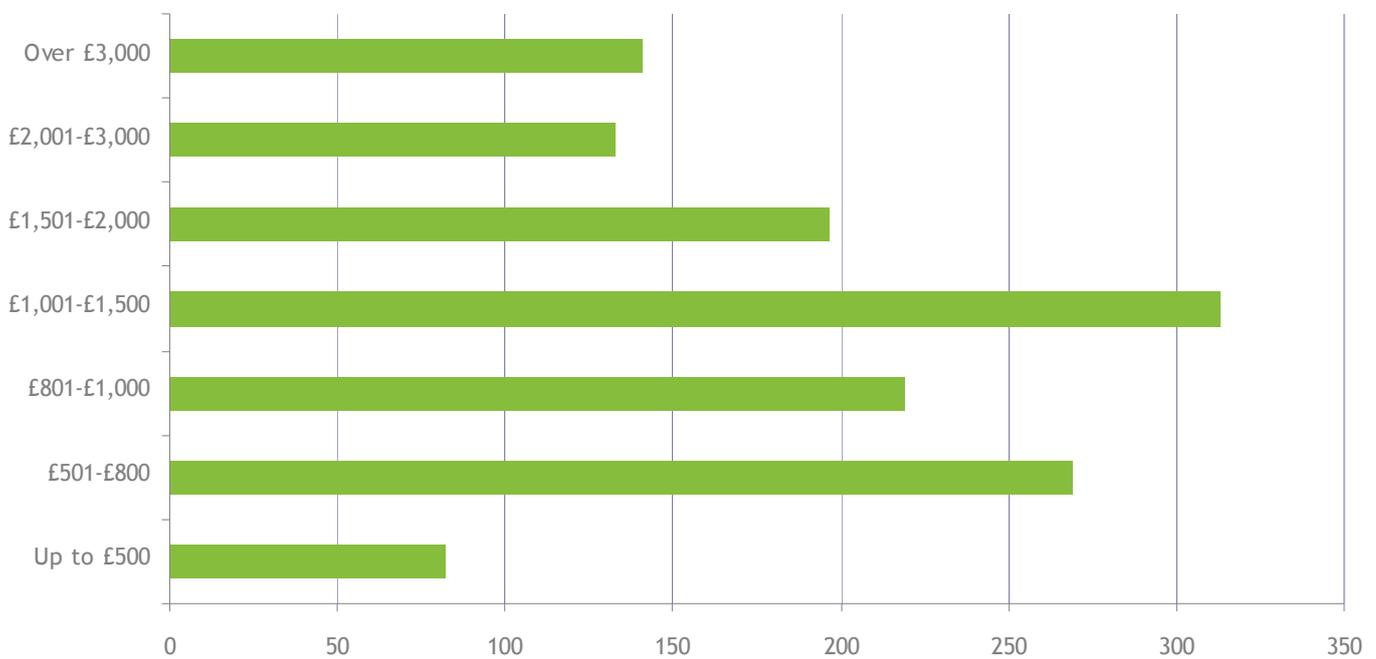


Would you be prepared to consider a rank based contribution system for CEA?



Feedback was mixed. Families wanted more clarification before answering. Many were concerned this would be unaffordable for those with more than two children. Others commented that allowances have recently been de-ranked, meaning this rank based system would be a backward step.

How much per term per child is your personal contribution (inc. min payment of 10%) to your school fees after CEA?



“You are about to lose the good will of your soldiers!”

“On the back of my family’s commitment to military life, any plans to change CEA would feel like a betrayal”

“Thank you for being our voice. Like many others if CEA is unavailable by the time our children are school age we will opt to leave the Army”