



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

Senator Jonathon Duniam  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Duniam

On 26 February 2018 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Patrick asked in relation to the new Antarctic icebreaker:

*"Is there someone here to talk to me about the icebreaker? Okay, lots of hands are going up. I understand that the cost of the icebreaker for design and build was circa \$530 million."*

In response I said:

*"That's correct—\$529.8 million."*

I wish to correct this answer. The cost of the icebreaker for design and build is \$529.1 million.

The remainder of my answers to the questions, given at the Hearing, are correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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