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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

1. If and where in the Portfolio Budget Statement expenditure related to the following is contained:
 - \$45.3 million over four years from 2014-15 for the Australia-Antarctic Airlink; and
 - \$13.4 million over four years from 2014-15 for logistics support for the Australian Antarctic Programme?

2. If and where in the Portfolio Budget Statement expenditure related to the following is contained
 - \$24million for the Antarctic Gateway Partnership?

Answer:

1. Both the \$45.3 million (Australia-Antarctic Airlink) and the \$13.4 million (Logistics Support) are included under Programme 3.1: Antarctica Science, Policy, and Presence on page 68 of the Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 Budget Related Paper No.1.7 – Environment, under the heading of Annual Departmental Expenses, both in the 2015-16 Budget amount and the Forward Estimate Amounts. Both these measures are now classified as ongoing.

2. The Antarctic Gateway Partnership is managed by the Australian Research Council (ARC). The Australian Gateway Partnership was funded in 2014-15 and is listed in ARC Budget Statements 2014-15 on page 174. Any further questions on this measure should be directed to the ARC.