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Senator Xenophon asked:

What is the status of the build?

Answer:

The build status is progressing very well.

As noted in the ANAO Report, there are 20 milestones in the design and build phase of the contract and the contractor has now achieved the first five milestones required to allow construction to commence.

Steel cutting commenced at the shipyard on 31 May 2017 and since then approximately 250 tonnes of steel has been cut up to 20 June 2017.

Keel-laying is planned to occur at the shipyard in late August 2017.

The contractor remains on track to deliver the research supply icebreaker to Hobart in mid-2020 and to then commence the first voyage to Antarctica in October 2020.