

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Program:** Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)  
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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

Other than the amount already expended, what are the costs to terminate the contract at this point?

**Answer:**

The contract termination clause sets out the process for determining the costs to terminate the contract at this point, and this clause has been provided in response to another question on notice.

Should the Commonwealth seek to terminate the contract for convenience at this point, the Department would need to request to the Contractor (and the design and build subcontractor) to determine the demobilisation costs that they would incur.

This would be a significant task for the contractor and could result in delays to the current schedule of vessel building and delivery.