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**Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:**

Senator WHISH-WILSON: In terms of the \$2.2 billion spend on the icebreaker, could you break that down into maintenance costs and fuel costs or what you are estimating, as a rough break-up, or could you take that on notice?

Mr Clark: I might ask Mr Bryson to go through some of those details, to a point, and then perhaps the remainder we could take on notice.

Mr Bryson: The total cost being apportioned is \$1.9 billion for the icebreaker. That includes an up-front construction cost. That includes all the capital costs, project management and everything out of \$529 million. The remainder is used for the 30-year life of the vessel, which pays for 200 days a year of operation, including all maintenance and everything that goes with the ship for the 30 years.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Out of the \$1.9 billion, if we take away the \$529 million, we get a rough estimate of what you are budgeting for the next 30 years.

Mr Bryson: That is correct.

**Answer:**

Of the \$1.383 billion provided for the Operate and Maintain Phase, approximately \$302 million is provided for maintenance while \$330 million is provided for fuel.