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**Senator McKim, Nick asked:**

What are estimated costs for clean-up and rehabilitation of the Macquarie Island Station site, and how were these costs used in the Australian Antarctic Division's initial decision to shut down the main station and switch to field camp based operations?

**Answer:**

The Department's estimation is that the removal of the current station and rehabilitation of the Macquarie Island site would cost approximately \$17.7 million. This was not a factor in the Department's initial decision to change to a summer only operating model.

The Government has allocated \$50 million to maintain a year round presence on Macquarie Island. This will include appropriate management of existing station infrastructure.