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Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Thank you. In terms of funding for the *Aurora Australis*, is there confidence that the funding provided will be all that is necessary over the forward estimates to at least maintain its life until 2016-17?

Dr Wooding: Yes.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Perhaps on notice—you can work out what you can and cannot tell me—you could provide details on who the consultants are and who the contractors are assisting you in the tender and what the costs associated with the tender or the request for proposals to date have been. That would be appreciated.

Answer:

Expenditure on consultants/contractors to support the Icebreaker Request for Proposal is as follows:

- Minter Ellison - \$190,000 (GST Inclusive) has been allocated.
- Maddocks - \$115,000 (GST Inclusive) has been allocated.
- BMTD&T - \$585,000 (GST Inclusive) has been allocated - (approval for a further \$335,000 (GST Inclusive) has now been sought).

All expenditure has occurred in the current 2012-13 financial year.