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Inquiry: Inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding

Question No: IQ23-000280

Hearing Date: 05 October 2023

Division/Agency: Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)

Topic: Logistics

Question Date: 20 October 2023

Question Type: Written

Senator Bilyk asked:

1. Is there a tender process for logistics airlifts used by the Australian Antarctic Division?
2. How is the budget for logistics airlifts determined?
3. What has been the financial cost to the Australian Antarctic Division for logistics airlifts for the following financial years?
 - a. 2023 / 2024
 - b. 2022 / 2023
 - c. 2021 / 2022
 - d. 2020 / 2021
 - e. 2019 / 2020

Answer:

1. Yes. All suppliers for aviation logistics are sourced through an approach to market with a public request for tender (RFT) via the Australian Government AusTender website.
2. Budgets for aviation services are established through the RFT and contract establishment with a preferred supplier. Each contract defines all fixed and variable costs for the supply of the contracted service.
3.
 - a. 2023-24: \$33,910,775
 - b. 2022-23: \$25,826,772
 - c. 2021-22: \$21,831,254
 - d. 2020-21: \$18,782,434
 - e. 2019-20: \$23,805,619

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Inquiry: Inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division funding
Question No: IQ23-000281
Hearing Date: 05 October 2023
Division/Agency: Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)
Topic: Delivery of Science
Question Date: 20 October 2023
Question Type: Written

Senator Bilyk asked:

1. What Science projects have been approved but not yet received funding for the following financial years?
 - a. 2023 / 2024
 - b. 2022 / 2023
 - c. 2021 / 2022
 - d. 2020 / 2021
 - e. 2019 / 2020
2. Not including externally funded scientists (e.g. – remediation, fisheries, etc.) or PhD students, or technicians, how many AAD scientists participated in expeditions for the following financial years?
 - a. 2023 / 2024
 - b. 2022 / 2023
 - c. 2021 / 2022
 - d. 2020 / 2021
 - e. 2019 / 2020
3. How many technicians participated in expeditions for the following financial years?
 - a. 2023 / 2024
 - b. 2022 / 2023
 - c. 2021 / 2022
 - d. 2020 / 2021
 - e. 2019 / 2020

Answer:

1. No science projects have been approved and then not received funding. Projects approved by the AAD for inclusion in the Australian Antarctic Program may also receive logistics support and/or access to Antarctic data or samples that is not reliant on a funding commitment.
2. Please refer to Question on Notice IQ23-000261.
3. The number of technicians supporting science projects in expeditions is summarised below and include AAD and non AAD staff. These positions are critical for the operation of scientific equipment and the direct operation of science research activities. Please note that additional technicians supporting the Australian Antarctic Program on general projects have been excluded, as these are not classified as science expeditioners for reporting purposes.

2023-24 14 of 68 science personnel

2022-23 10 of 35 science personnel

2021-22	5 of 23 science personnel
2020-21	2 of 10 science personnel
2019-20	6 of 14 science personnel