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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Xenophon, Wong

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: Can you please, on notice, tell us what ship is equivalent to the AWDs in terms of weapons systems, in terms of capabilities, in terms of tonnage—

Senator WONG: And first in class.

Senator XENOPHON: and first class, is an accurate reflection?

Senator Cormann: I am happy to take that on notice.

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Senator XENOPHON: Minister, just tell us where we can get the same sort of warship for \$1 billion—the same sort of warship, the same sort of capability, the same sort of tonnage, the same missile system, the same range and the same quality.

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Senator Cormann: I have taken on notice to provide the basis for that comparison.

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Senator XENOPHON: Can you please table to this committee the information and advice that you have received that forms the basis of your assertion of the \$3 billion to the \$1 billion comparison? Just show us the evidence.

Senator Cormann: I have already indicated to you that I will be providing on notice a response to a similar question asked earlier.

Answer:

The AWD Programme is anticipated to cost \$9 billion in total to deliver the 3 ships.

The Hobart class Air Warfare Destroyer is based on Navantia's F100 series with some modifications from the F105. The Spanish Government State Budget for the 2014 financial year indicates that the combined total cost of the five ships in the F100 series is €2,825,265,000.