

# Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Answers to questions on notice

## Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Additional Estimates, February 2009

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### Senator Macdonald asked:

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—I really meant the ANARE Club. I understand they are getting some support from the division—minimal but significant just the same.

**Dr Wooding**—Yes, I know there is. I am terribly sorry; I do not have those figures with me, but I can get them on notice. I understand there is some support there. I am not sure of the precise nature of it.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—The last time I was talking to some of them they were sort of expressing to me a concern that the great tradition and histories of the expeditioners of old was parting company with the division, which would concern me. Perhaps I have got that wrong. Can anyone comment on that?

**Ms Maddock**—I could start by saying that, although very new, I am very conscious of those traditions. We will find out the information you want on notice.

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**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—That is good. I might be wrong, but I seem to recall that you somehow assisted them in some resources at times for their various functions but that that was sort of drying up. Did someone tell me that?

**Ms Mudie**—I would have to take that on notice.

### Answer/s:

When it was established in 1947, the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) name substantially covered Australia's activities in relation to the Antarctic and provided a powerful and uniting symbol for the expeditioner fraternity. However the Antarctic program has evolved enormously over the last two or three decades, and the modern program is complex and multi-faceted. We respect the achievements and contributions of all who have served in Australia's Antarctic program over the years, and we continue to support the activities and interests of the ANARE Club.

To help keep ANARE Club members up to date with the current activities of the Antarctic program, the AAD hosts a representative of the ANARE club as a round trip passenger, previously on a resupply voyage, but now also potentially on the A319 Airbus. The total cost for a representative that participated last season on Voyage 2 was approximately \$51,000.

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Each midwinter on request the AAD provides representatives at senior level to address ANARE Club dinners in various states. The approximate cost of this is in the order of \$4000.

The ANARE Club is routinely consulted as a stakeholder in mid-level environmental impact assessments, and in the assessment of the cultural heritage values of the Australian Antarctic Territory, and at state and national level is on the mailing list for the bi-annual Australian Antarctic news magazine.