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QUESTION NO.: BI-55

Senator ABETZ—Can you take on notice to explain to us why the recommendation in relation to *Ramus* was accepted and why the premier Australasian journal, *Antichthon*, was not upgraded? Can you also tell us why the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* and the *Revue des Etudes Grecques* were missing from that original list?

ANSWER

In 2008, the ARC consulted with the sector on a draft journal ranking list. As a result of this consultation *Ramus* was ranked 'B'. The list was then reviewed by an expert panel and *Ramus* then received a revised rank of 'A' for the 2009 ERA trial.

Antichthon was ranked 'B' on the initial draft list and remained 'B' following expert review.

The *Journal of Hellenic Studies* is not on the journal list in its own right for the 2009 ERA trial as it was merged with one of its supplements, *Archaeological Reports: London*.

The *Revue des Etudes Grecques* is not on the journal list for the 2009 ERA trial as it is a Monographic Series. Monographic series are not eligible for inclusion in ERA as they do not meet the 2009 ERA definition of a journal.