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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT AND RECOVERY SCHEME) BILL 2010**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludlam—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

3 **GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT FUNDS AMENDMENT (ETHICAL INVESTMENTS) BILL 2011**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senators Di Natale and Ludlam—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

**Time expired:** The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

4 **NOTICES**

Senator Cormann: To move on the next day of sitting—that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on Wednesday, 19 September 2012, information for each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 regarding:

(a) the cost to the Budget of the various state government royalty increases announced after 2 May 2010 on coal and iron ore that are creditable against any Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) liability, broken down by state and commodity; and
(b) the cost to the Budget of the upfront tax deductions able to be claimed by existing mining projects that are subject to the MRRT on the basis of the market valuation method. (general business notice of motion no. 931)

Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Association and the Parramatta Female Factory Friends/Action Group are campaigning to include Australia’s first female convict establishment on the National Heritage List,
   (ii) in August 2012, the New South Wales Government announced the development of a master plan for the Parramatta Heritage Precinct and proposed a public/private enterprise to enable the ‘adaptive reuse’ of the heritage sites for commercial and residential purposes, posing a threat to its heritage values,
   (iii) the Community Affairs References Committee report Forgotten Australians (2004) calls for ‘the Commonwealth and State Governments, in conjunction with the Churches and agencies, to provide funding for the erection of suitable memorials commemorating care leavers’, and
   (iv) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report Half Way to Equal (1992) recommends the establishment of a ‘National Women’s Place’, recognising women’s history and contribution; and
(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) include the National Heritage List nomination relating to the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct in the 2012 final Priority Assessment List, and
   (ii) contribute funding to act on the recommendations of the Forgotten Australians report, including to create a memorial garden, plaque and a heritage centre at the Precinct using the buildings and grounds of the former Parramatta Girls Home, which forms part of the Precinct. (general business notice of motion no. 932)

Senator Waters: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
   (i) the intention of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) to transfer responsibility for protecting our nationally threatened species and wilderness places to state governments by March 2013, and
   (ii) that the Tasmanian Premier (Ms Giddings) is ready to sacrifice the Tarkine wilderness for mining and development; and
(b) calls on the Government to retain responsibility for all major decisions on environmentally damaging projects that affect our nationally threatened species and wilderness places. (general business notice of motion no. 933)

Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, no later than 21 September 2012, the contract between the Commonwealth Government and:
(a) Transfield Services for the service provision on Nauru for offshore processing of asylum seekers;
(b) International Health and Medical Services for the service provision on Nauru for offshore processing of asylum seekers; and

(c) the Salvation Army for the service provision on Nauru for offshore processing of asylum seekers. (general business notice of motion no. 934)

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move on the next day of sitting—That the government business orders of the day relating to the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011 and two related bills, and the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 3) 2012 may be taken together for their remaining stages.

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Fishing Activities) Bill 2012, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Document: Senator Collins tabled the following document:

5 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 11 OF 2012

The Acting Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Brown) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 11 OF 2012

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 12 September 2012 at 7.14 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 November 2012.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:

   Aviation Legislation Amendment (Liability and Insurance) Bill 2012
   Marriage Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012
   National Portrait Gallery of Australia Bill 2012

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

   Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) Bill 2012
   Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012
   Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012
   Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Declared Fishing Activities) Bill 2012
Higher Education Support Amendment (Maximum Payment Amounts and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2012
Minerals Resource Rent Tax Amendment (Protecting Revenue) Bill 2012
Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2012 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2012
Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012.

Carol Brown
Acting Chair
13 September 2012.

Senator Brown moved—That the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Senator Brown, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to the following senators:
(a) Senators Bob Carr and Singh from 17 September to 20 September 2012, on account of parliamentary business; and
(b) Senator Farrell for 19 September 2012, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT
The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) moved—That the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today under the temporary order relating to non-controversial government business:

No. 2 Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.
No. 3 Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2012.
No. 4 Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Bill 2012.
No. 5 Statute Law Revision Bill 2012.
No. 6 Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012.
No. 7 Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012.
No. 8 Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Bill 2012
No. 9 International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Loans) Bill 2012.
No. 10 Statute Stocktake (Appropriations) Bill (No. 1) 2012.

Question put and passed.

Senator Collins moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business notice of motion no. 926 standing in the name of Senator Fifield relating to the Gillard Government’s budget; and
(b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

8 **PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—CONSIDERATION**

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) moved—that the general business order of the day relating to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Making Marine Parks Accountable) Bill 2012 be considered on Thursday, 20 September 2012 under the temporary order relating to the consideration of private senators’ bills.

Question put and passed.

9 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—that leave of absence be granted to Senator Johnston for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

10 **POSTPONEMENT**

The following item of business was postponed:

General business notice of motion no. 930 standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young for today, relating to marriage equality legislation, postponed till 20 September 2012.

11 **RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**

Senator Xenophon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—that the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 November 2012:

(a) the findings of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau into the ditching of VH-NGA Westwind II, operated by Pel-Air Aviation Pty Ltd, in the ocean near Norfolk Island airport on 18 November 2009;

(b) the nature of, and protocols involved in, communications between agencies and directly interested parties in an aviation accident investigation and the reporting process;

(c) the mechanisms in place to ensure recommendations from aviation accident investigations are implemented in a timely manner; and

(d) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

12 **ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

Senator Brown, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Bishop) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 922—that the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 3.30 pm.

Question put and passed.
13 **ELECTRICITY PRICES—SELECT COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

Senator Brown, at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on Electricity Prices (Senator Thistlethwaite) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 923—That the Select Committee on Electricity Prices be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 17 September 2012, from 4.45 pm.

Question put and passed.

14 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

Senator Brown, at the request of Senator Urquhart and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 924—That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 5 pm, for the purpose of making an inspection.

Question put and passed.

15 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (MAKING MARINE PARKS ACCOUNTABLE) BILL 2012**

Senator Kroger, at the request of Senator Colbeck and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 925—That the following bill be introduced:


Question put and passed.

Senator Kroger presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Kroger moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Kroger, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Kroger in continuation.

16 **SOCIAL ISSUES—SUICIDE**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells, also on behalf of Senator Wright, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 929—That the Senate—

(a) notes that Thursday, 13 September 2012 is R U OK? Day;

(b) recognises that:

(i) today, six Australians will die through suicide and more than 200 will make a suicide attempt,
(ii) one in four deaths among young people occurs through suicide,
(iii) suicide is the leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year olds each year at 23.3 per cent,
(iv) suicide is the biggest killer of men under 44 and women under 34, and
(v) suicide currently ranks 15th in the overall causes of death in Australia;
(c) encourages people of all backgrounds to regularly check in with each other and ask the question, ‘Are you OK?’; because a conversation could change a life; and
(d) calls on the Government to increase efforts to raise awareness about the problems and complexity of suicide, especially among our young Australians.

Question put and passed.

17 **ADMINISTRATION—PROTECTING NATIONALLY THREATENED SPECIES AND WILDERNESS PLACES—RESPONSIBILITY**

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 927—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the intention of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) to transfer responsibility for protecting our nationally threatened species and wilderness places to state governments by March 2013, and
   (ii) that the Victorian Premier (Mr Baillieu) is ready to sacrifice the endangered Leadbeater’s Possum for logging and development; and
(b) calls on the Government to retain responsibility for all major decisions on environmentally damaging projects that affect our nationally threatened species and wilderness places.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.
18 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 928—that the Senate—

(a) notes that 13 September 2012 is the 5th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

(b) congratulates the Government on expressing support for this important document in 2009; and

(c) calls on the Government to continue to work towards implementing this declaration into policy and domestic law, including the ratification of the International Labour Organization Convention No. 169.

Question put and passed.

19 NOTICE

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to competition and consumers, and for related purposes. Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012. (general business notice of motion no. 935)

20 COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RETAIL TRADING) BILL 2012

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 503, dated 12 September 2012—a Bill for an Act to change the law relating to securities issued by the Commonwealth and beneficial interests in such securities, and for related purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) moved—that this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Collins moved—that this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Collins tabled a revised explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

On the motion of Senator Collins the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin) tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012


Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Crossin.

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart was speaking.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Urquhart was speaking.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.
25 **Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting Measures) Bill 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.

26 **Statute Law Revision Bill 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of Senator Feeney the bill was read a third time.

27 **Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Measures No. 1) Bill 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.

28 **Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) the bill was read a third time.
29 **GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY MINIMUM STANDARDS BILL 2012**
**GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY MINIMUM STANDARDS (REGISTRATION FEES) BILL 2012**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
No amendments or requests for amendments to the bills were circulated and no senator required that they be considered in committee.
On the motion of Senator Conroy the bills were read a third time.

30 **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT (LOANS) BILL 2012**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) the bill was read a third time.

31 **STATUTE STOCKTAKE (APPROPRIATIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 2012**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) the bill was read a third time.

32 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**
The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) moved—That government business order of the day no. 1 (Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012) be called on immediately and considered till not later than 2 pm.
Question put and passed.
33 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*At 2 pm* Debate was interrupted while Senator Urquhart was speaking.

34 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

35 **MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS**

Senator Payne moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to all questions without notice asked today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

36 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE—VARIATION**

Senator Brown, by leave, moved—That the order of the Senate agreed to earlier today *(see entry no. 6)*, granting leave of absence to Senator Bob Carr, be varied by omitting “17 September to 20 September 2012” and substituting “19 September and 20 September 2012”.

Question put and passed.

37 **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—REGULATORY STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF MEDICAL DEVICES**

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled the following document:


Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Siewert in continuation.

38 **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—IMPACTS OF RURAL WIND FARMS**

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled the following document:


Senator Siewert, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Siewert in continuation.
The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]

Broadcasting Services Act—
Broadcasting Services (Digital-Only Local Market Areas for Northern New South Wales TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 (Amendment No. 1 of 2012) [F2012L01859].
Broadcasting Services (Digital-Only Local Market Areas for Northern New South Wales TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 (Amendment No. 2 of 2012) [F2012L01863].
Broadcasting Services (Digital-Only Local Market Areas for Tasmania TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 [F2012L01862].
Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for Metropolitan Licence Areas) Determination (No. 1) 2009 (Amendment No. 1 of 2012) [F2012L01858].
Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for Northern New South Wales TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 [F2012L01856].
Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for Regional Queensland TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2011 (Amendment No. 1 of 2012) [F2012L01857].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—
Instrument No. CASA EX142/12—Exemption – powered weight shift controlled aircraft [F2012L01854].

Commissioner of Taxation—Public Rulings—
Class Rulings—

Product Rulings—

Corporations Act—
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (ASX Market) 2010—ASIC Class Rule Waiver CW 12-1143 [F2012L01860].
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Chi-X Australia Market) 2011—ASIC Class Rule Waiver CW 12-1144 [F2012L01861].

Telecommunications Act—Determination under subsection 23(2) (No. 1) 1998 (Amendment No. 1 of 2012) [F2012L01864].
40 **Indexed Lists of Departmental and Agency Files—Order for Production of Documents—Document**

The following document was tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2012—Statement of compliance—Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education portfolio.

*General business was called on.*

41 **Economics—Gillard Government’s Budget**

Senator Fifield, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 926—That the Senate notes the Gillard Government’s $120 billion budget black hole. Debate ensued.

*At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) was speaking.*

42 **Government Documents—Orders of the Day—Consideration**

The following orders of the day relating to government documents were considered:

- Wet Tropics Management Authority and State of the Wet Tropics—Reports for 2010-11. Motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas) to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)—Report for 2010-11. Motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas) to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.
- Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 118—Classification – Content regulation and convergent media—Summary report, dated February 2012. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.
- Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Statement of corporate intent 2011-12 to 2013-14. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.
- *Native Title Act 1993—Native title representative bodies—Northern Land Council—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.*
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2012—Thirteenth biennial report. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of document agreed to.
Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS), Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB) and Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Scheme (DFRB)—Report on long-term costs prepared by the Australian Government Actuary using data to 30 June 2011. Motion of Senator Williams to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Ronaldson debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Airservices Australia—Corporate plan 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2017. Motion of Senator Back to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at General Business, Senator Ronaldson in continuation.

Department of Health and Ageing—Report to Parliament on the second meeting of the Pharmaceutical Industry Discussion Group (PIDG) to identify and examine potential unintended consequences of the 2010-11 Budget Measure Further Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Pricing Reform, dated September 2012. Motion of Senator Back to take note of document debated and agreed to.

General business concluded.

43 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses were considered:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Final report—Procurement procedures for Defence capital projects. Motion of Senator Bishop to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fawcett in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Report—Donor conception practices in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Back to take note of document agreed to.

Economics References Committee—Report—Investing for good: The development of a capital market for the not-for-profit sector in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Back to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Back in continuation.


Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Administration of Indigenous Business Australia in relation to certain evidence given to the Senate Community Affairs Committee. Motion of Senator Back to take note of report agreed to.

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—The shortage of engineering and related employment skills. Motion of Senator Back to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Back in continuation.

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Final report—Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital. Motion of Senator Back to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Gambling Reform—Joint Select Committee—First report—The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines—Government response. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Back debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Interim (2) and Final reports—Australia’s biosecurity and quarantine arrangements. Motion of Senator Back to take note of reports called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Back in continuation.


Community Affairs References Committee—Final report—Inquiry into Commonwealth funding and administration of mental health services. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Back in continuation.
Order of the day no. 2 relating to committee reports and government responses was called on but no motion was moved.

44 **AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION**

The following order of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General was considered:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 2 of 2012-13—Performance audit—Administration of the Regional Backbone Blackspots Program—Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Back. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Back in continuation.

45 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Boyce) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.12 pm till Monday, 17 September 2012 at 10 am.

46 **ATTENDANCE**


**ROSEMARY LAING**

Clerk of the Senate

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