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1 MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 12.30 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS
The following documents were tabled:

   Treaties—
   Bilateral—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of Spain for the Mutual Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest, done at Madrid on 17 November 2011—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures.
   List of multilateral treaties under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at August 2012.
   Multilateral—Agreement Establishing the African Development Fund, done at Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire on 29 November 1972 as amended, and Agreement Establishing the African Development Bank, done at Khartoum, Sudan on 4 August 1963 as amended—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures.

3 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (DECLARED COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES) 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—and on the amendment moved by Senator Colbeck:

   At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate calls on the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) to:

   (a) explain:

   (i) the reasons for his decision to reverse the policy that he introduced as Fisheries Minister in October 2009 which stated ‘There are considerable economies of scale in the fishery and the most efficient way to fish may include large scale factory freezer vessels’,
   (ii) why he effectively invited the FV Margiris into Australia by promoting ‘large scale factory freezer vessels’, and
   (iii) what actions he will take to compensate the 50 Australian workers who are losing their jobs as a consequence of this legislation; and

   (b) introduce amendments to the Fisheries Management Act 1991 to expand the powers for greater spatial management provisions”.

Debate resumed.
Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.
Main question put.
The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.
Bill read a second time.
4 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

5 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Scullion moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy) to a question without notice asked by Senator Cash today relating to border protection and asylum seekers.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Wright moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to a question without notice asked by Senator Wright today relating to Mr David Hicks.
Question put and passed.

6 PETITIONS
The following 2 petitions similar in wording, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Cameron, were received:

From 1 288 and 485 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to review the Australian Government’s response to the crisis in Syria.

7 NOTICES
Senator Boswell: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 29 November 2012:

The effect on Australian ginger growers of importing fresh ginger from Fiji, including:

(a) the scientific basis on which the provisional final import risk analysis report regarding the importation of fresh ginger has been developed;
(b) the adequacy of the pest risk assessments contained in the provisional final import risk analysis report for fresh ginger from Fiji;
(c) the risk and consequences of the importation resulting possibly in the introduction of pest species or diseases and soil-borne diseases;
(d) the adequacy of the quarantine conditions recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; and
(e) any other related matter.

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move on the next day of sitting—That consideration of the business before the Senate on Wednesday, 10 October 2012, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Ruston to make her first speech without any question before the chair.

The Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Bishop): To move on the next day of sitting—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, 20 September 2012, from 3.30 pm. (general business notice of motion no. 942)
Senator Furner: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 9 October 2012, from 5.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations. (general business notice of motion no. 943)

Senators Polley and Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) dementia is the greatest cause of disability in older Australians aged 65 and over,
   (ii) there are almost 280 000 Australians living with dementia and 1.2 million who provide support and care, and
   (iii) every week an estimated 1 600 new cases of dementia occur, with the number expected to grow to 7 400 new cases per week by 2050, resulting in 1 million Australians living with dementia by 2050;
(b) recognises the significance of Dementia Awareness Week, from 21 September to 28 September 2012, in promoting and advocating for the needs of those living with dementia, their families and carers;
(c) welcomes the designation of dementia by the Minister for Health (Ms Plibersek) as the ninth National Health Priority Area; and
(d) acknowledges the ongoing contributions of Alzheimer’s Australia and its state and territory associations in supporting and advocating for those affected and leading the charge in the fight against dementia. (general business notice of motion no. 944)

Senator Back: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by 5 pm on Thursday, 11 October 2012, the contents of the following National Health and Medical Research Council files which relate to wind turbines:
(a) Public Health and Medical Research – Advice – Health Effects of Wind Farms;
(b) Public Health and Medical Research – Research – Wind Turbines and Health – Evidence Review and Public Statement 2010/012940;
(c) Public Health and Medical Research – Enquiries – Wind Turbines and Health – Evidence Review 2010/041323;
(d) Information Management – Appeals (decisions) – Freedom of Information 2010/00883;
(e) Wind Turbines and Health – Acciona Energy Oceania Pty Ltd 2010/066543;
(f) Public Health and Medical Research – Latest Scientific Evidence on Wind Turbines and Health 2011/014789;
(g) Public Health and Medical Research – Research – Wind Turbines and Health Literature 2011/024222;
(h) Public Health and Medical Research – Liaison – Wind Turbines Externally Submitted References 2011/028268;
(i) Public Health and Medical Research – Liaison – Wind Turbines Externally Submitted References Part Two 2011/039890;
(j) Public Health and Medical Research – Reviews (Decisions) – Wind Turbines and Health Senate Inquiry 2011/039945;
(k) Public Health and Medical Research – Liaison – Reference Group and Literature Review 2011/054388;
(l) Public Health and Medical Research – Research – Wind Turbines and Health Literature 2011/054389; and
(m) Public Health and Medical Research – Committees – Wind Turbines and Health Literature Review Reference Group Membership and Finance 2011/054391. *(general business notice of motion no. 943)*

Senators Pratt and Moore: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that two-thirds of Australian women who have experienced domestic violence with their current partner are in paid employment;

(b) recognises the:

(i) significant impact that domestic violence can have on the employment of women who are subjected to it, including:

(A) lost productivity as a result of anxiety and distraction in the workplace,

(B) absenteeism due to sustaining physical and psychological injuries,

(C) disrupted work histories as victims often frequently change jobs,

(D) lower personal incomes and reduced hours of work, and

(E) risks to personal safety in the workplace as well as to co-workers, and

(ii) positive impact of the inclusion of domestic violence clauses in contracts of employment to ensure protections for victims, including:

(A) additional paid leave to enable employees subjected to domestic violence to, for example, attend court hearings and medical appointments without exhausting other forms of personal leave,

(B) access to flexible working arrangements where possible, and

(C) assurance that employee details will be treated confidentially and disclosure will not lead to discriminatory treatment;

(c) acknowledges the introduction of domestic violence clauses for public sector employees in both Queensland and New South Wales and congratulates organisations in the private sector that have also moved to incorporate these clauses in contracts of employment; and

(d) urges all private companies and public sectors to include domestic violence clauses in their enterprise agreements to provide victims with important protections such as access to leave in addition to existing entitlements. *(general business notice of motion no. 946)*

Senator Boyce: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges:

(i) that 19 September 2012 is National Family Business Day, and

(ii) the role that family businesses have played in shaping the social, economic and cultural fabric of Australia; and

(b) notes:

(i) data from Family Business Australia advising that about 70 per cent of Australian businesses are family businesses and employ 50 per cent of the Australian workforce,

(ii) that family businesses can be small, medium or large enterprises and that one of the largest family businesses employs more than 27 000 people, and
(iii) the resilience and adaptability of family business even in difficult economic conditions. (general business notice of motion no. 947)

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, by 28 September 2012, the following:

(a) the confidentialised Wave 3 and Wave 4 Parent 1 and Parent 2 data sets from the ‘Footprints in Time – The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children’;

(b) the Wave 3 and Wave 4 Parent 1 Mark Up Questionnaire from the ‘Footprints in Time – The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children’;

(c) the Wave 3 and Wave 4 Parent 2 Mark Up Questionnaire from the ‘Footprints in Time – The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children’; and

(d) documents which include an analysis of income management data in the ‘Footprints in Time – The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children’. (general business notice of motion no. 948)

Senator Madigan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australia has been a signatory to the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement since 1974,

(ii) Australia has been a signatory to the China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement since 1986,

(iii) Australia has been a signatory to the Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement since 2006,

(iv) each of these agreements obliges Australia to protect the flight paths and habitats of those migratory birds listed in the agreements, and

(v) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the Act) requires that ‘an action will require approval if the action has, or is likely to have, a significant impact on a listed migratory species’; and

(b) calls on the Government to ensure it complies with its obligations to protect the flight paths and habitats of all migratory birds listed under these agreements and the Act, and to refer any project that has, or may have, a significant impact on a listed migratory species for assessment under the Act. (general business notice of motion no. 949)

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 Australians expect our nationally threatened species and wilderness places to be protected by the Commonwealth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, including South Australia’s Glossy Black Cockatoo, and the internationally listed Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Ramsar Wetlands; 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. 950)
8 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Leave to Meet during Sitting
Senator McEwen, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin), moved—That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs 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 Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 1.45 pm.
Question put and passed.

9 Electricity Prices—Select Committee—Leave to Meet during Sitting
Senator McEwen, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on Electricity Prices (Senator Thistlethwaite), moved—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 Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 1.50 pm.
Question put and passed.

10 Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Leave to Meet during Sitting
Senator Kroger, by leave and on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, moved—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today, from 6.15 pm.
Question put and passed.

11 Postponements
The following items of business were postponed:

   General business notice of motion no. 781 standing in the name of Senator Hanson-Young for today, proposing the introduction of the Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012, postponed till 20 September 2012.

   General business notice of motion no. 932 standing in the name of Senator Rhiannon for today, relating to the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct, postponed till 29 October 2012.

12 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Extensions of Time to Report
Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (Senator Marshall) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 936—That the time for the presentation of the following reports of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee be extended to the first sitting day in March 2013:

   (a) provisions of the Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012; and

   (b) Fair Work Amendment (Small Business—Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012.

Question put and passed.
13 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Extension of Time to Report

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 937—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee on detention of minors be extended to 4 October 2012.

Question put and passed.

14 Social Issues—Violent protests

Senator Mason, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 941—that the Senate—

(a) supports the rights of Australians to peacefully protest and condemns violent protests;

(b) deplores the violence perpetrated by Islamic extremists during protests on 15 September 2012 in Sydney that led to the injuring of police officers; and

(c) condemns Green Left Weekly for its publication of articles blaming police for the confrontation that was instigated by violent protestors.

Statements by leave: Senator Mason, the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) and Senator Di Natale, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.
15 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—INDIA—NUCLEAR REACTORS**  
Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 938—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) from 15 October 2012, the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) will visit India and will likely advance a bilateral uranium framework agreement while there,

(ii) the growing mass movement in India peacefully protesting nuclear reactors on grounds of health, safety and loss of livelihood due to radiation risks, and

(iii) brutal repression by the police and navy of the tens of thousands of peaceful protestors at the Koodankulam reactor, including two deaths due to police shootings, the latest being Mr Anthony Samy on 11 September 2012, and at least five related deaths over struggles against Koodankulam, Jaitapur (Maharashtra) and Gorakhpur (Haryana) nuclear power plants since 2010; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) make representations to Indian authorities on the democratic right to peaceful protest,

(ii) recognise that, in the case of Koodankulam, nuclear reactors are being forced on local residents at gunpoint, and that uranium fuel loading is imminent despite 10 safety guidelines having not been met,

(iii) promote the independence of India’s nuclear regulators from industry and government as best international practice,

(iv) not sell uranium to countries that stand outside the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its associated safeguards system, and

(v) implement recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on bilateral uranium agreements.

Question put and negatived.

16 **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. 939—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 New South Wales Premier (Mr O’Farrell) is ready to sacrifice the iconic Australian koala 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.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

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Ludlam  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson

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Question negatived.

17 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—HUMAN RIGHTS—MR DAVID HICKS

Senator Wright, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 940—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:

(i) torture is a gross violation of human rights,
(ii) Australian, Mr David Hicks, experienced torture and cruel and degrading treatment during his detention in Guantanamo Bay, and
(iii) recent reports indicate that, while incarcerated in Guantanamo Bay, Mr Hicks was forcibly administered drugs such as mefloquine for non-therapeutic purposes, which is known to cause psychotic side effects and brain damage; and

(b) calls on the Government to conduct an independent inquiry into Mr Hicks’ detention, treatment and unfair trial, including the role of the former Australian Government.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Di Natale  Madigan  Siewert (Teller)  Wright
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18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LAW AND JUSTICE—RIGHT TO PRIVACY—FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL**

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) informed the Senate that Senator Siewert had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The threat posed by existing and proposed government incursions into Australians’ right to privacy and the freedom of the individual.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

19 **HEALTH—CHRONIC DISEASE DENTAL SCHEME—DOCUMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Fawcett) tabled the following document:

Health—Chronic Disease Dental Scheme—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 21 March 2012, dated 10 September 2012.

Senator Fierravanti-Wells, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Edwards the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

20 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT OF 2012**

Senator Polley, on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, tabled the following report:

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—5th report of 2012—Referrals made May and June 2012: Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Kellyville, Sydney, NSW; Proposed high voltage electrical distribution upgrade, Liverpool Military Area, NSW; Proposed Moorebank Units Relocation, Holsworthy, NSW; Proposed Base Infrastructure Works Project under the Base Security Improvement Program, dated September 2012.
Senator Boyce, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services, tabled the following document:


Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Boyce.

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

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

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:


Lands Acquisition Act—Statement describing property acquired by agreement for specified purposes under section 125.

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—Comcare.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Crossin) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter nominating a senator to be a member of a committee.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell), by leave, moved—that Senator Ludlam be appointed as a participating member of the Select Committee on Electricity Prices.

Question put and passed.

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

Message no. 506, dated 17 September 2012—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to privacy, and for other purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) 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 Farrell moved—That this bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of Senator Farrell the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

26 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (INDEPENDENT EXPERT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON COAL SEAM GAS AND LARGE COAL MINING DEVELOPMENT) BILL 2012**

A message from the House of Representatives was reported as follows:

Message no. 505, dated 17 September 2012—Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012, agreeing to amendments nos 1 and 3 made by the Senate, disagreeing to amendments nos 2 and 4 to 13 and making amendments in place of those amendments.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) consideration of the message in committee of the whole was made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

27 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO LAW**

A message from Her Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that she had assented to the following law:


28 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AMENDMENT (DECLARED COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES) BILL 2012**

Order read for the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, debated.
The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) moved—That the committee report progress and ask leave to sit again.
Question put and passed.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Crossin) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported that the committee had considered the bill, made progress and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered, on the motion of Senator Ludwig, that the committee have leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.
29 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2012**

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

Debate resumed.

*At 10 pm:* Debate was interrupted while Senator Bilyk was speaking.

30 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 11.34 pm till Wednesday, 19 September 2012 at 9.30 am.

31 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Birmingham*, Bushby*, Johnston* and Singh* (*on leave).

**ROSEMARY LAING**

Clerk of the Senate