

## **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Thursday, 14 February 2013 from 9.00 am until 10.50 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolios, including Austrade and the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation and AusAID.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the detention and death of an Australian citizen, Mr Ben Zygier (Alon), who had been held in Israel and died while under detention
- overseas travel by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and his spouse
- the disappearance of a prominent activist in Laos
- the effects of climate change on Pacific nations
- the Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America
- the trade of beef with South Korea
- Export Market Development Grants
- the reprioritisation of projects in light of budget considerations
- the Mining for Development Initiative
- whole-of-government recording of Australian overseas aid.