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### **HOT ISSUE BRIEF**

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#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:**

- Equipment failure; No injuries

#### **THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:**

- At 0600 local on 8 Feb 12, HMAS *Armidale* suffered a failure of the port diesel alternator, whilst berthed alongside Sembawang, Singapore. The ship was making preparations for departure at the time of the incident.
- There were no personnel casualties, however the ship did lose power for a period of time and a quantity of smoke was produced in the affected machinery compartment.

#### **ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:**

- Singaporean emergency services were notified at the time of the incident, but were not required.  
*Armidale* will remain alongside in Singapore whilst a repair plan is finalised by Technical Authorities.

#### **RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- A smoke alarm activated upon starting the port alternator and smoke filled the compartment. Both the port and starboard alternators were immediately shut down by ship's staff and emergency damage control procedures were conducted. The Ship's Company reacted in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures and the incident was managed effectively.
- Power and communications were lost to the ship briefly, but were soon regained through restarting of the undamaged starboard diesel alternator.

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