

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 9

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

27 March 2017

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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	Mr Scott Buchholz MP
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	Mr Ben Morton MP
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Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

1. The committee resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 330 petitioners – requesting consideration of the cost of living on Kangaroo Island **(PN0055)**

From 51 petitioners – calling for the House to bring forward the NBN rollout for the Ascot Exchange **(PN0056)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Attorney General – to a petition regarding ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment **(1154-1662)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding the fee and Dividend policy on Carbon Fuels **(1166-1675)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Health Care Cards for chronically ill Australians **(PN0006)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding the Australian Government's regional processing and settlement arrangements **(PN0040)**

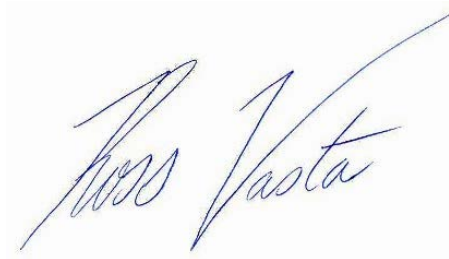
From the Minister for Regional Communications – to a petition regarding the mobile black spot program in regional WA **(PN0042)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Australian military operations in Syria **(PN0044)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and allegations of forced organ harvesting in China **(PN0050)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Maritime boundaries between Australia and Timor-Leste in the Timor Sea **(EN0063)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross Vasta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Mr Ross Vasta MP

Chair - Petitions Committee