

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 9

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

24 February 2020

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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 5 February 2020.

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

From 36,382 petitioners – regarding the persecution of Falun Gong in China
(PN0451)

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1058)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1059)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Medicare rebates for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) and surrogacy arrangements **(EN1064)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1070)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1072)**

From the From the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition requesting banning the importation of petrol and diesel vehicles from 2020 **(EN1073)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1074)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1075)**

From the Prime Minister – to a petition requesting a declaration from the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison MP regarding the age of the Earth **(EN1076)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding human evolution education and the Australian national education curriculum **(EN1079)**

From the Minister for Agriculture – to a petition regarding restricting the use of glyphosate in public spaces in Australia **(EN1082)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting that encorafenib (Braftovi) in combination with binimetinib (Mektovi) be added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to treat BRAF mutated colorectal cancer **(EN1083)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1089)**

From the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management – to a petition regarding funding for mandatory waste recycling plants in all States and Territories of Australia **(EN1092)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1095)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the current line of authority in the Commonwealth for the oath taken by Australian Members of Parliament **(EN1097)**

From the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management – to a petition regarding drought relief for Australian farmers **(EN1101)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(EN1102)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition requesting that the legal driving age be reduced to 17 years of age for all states and territories **(EN1105)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the science of climate change **(EN1106)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding Australia’s shark control program in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park **(EN1109)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting funding of Recovery Colleges through the Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan **(EN1111)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting that all Commonwealth Members of Parliament be required to use the cashless debit card (CDC) **(EN1118)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting increased funding for testing of genetic recessive diseases such as cystic fibrosis, fragile X syndrome and spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in Australia **(EN1123)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme – to a petition requesting that people over the age of 65 with a disability be able to access NDIS benefits **(PN0420)**

From the Minister for Aged care and Senior Australians – to a petition requesting an inquiry into the overuse of psychotropic medicines in the aged care, mental health, disability and the criminal justice sectors **(PN0430)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding climate change, emissions reduction and renewable energy **(PN0432)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting an increase to the Newstart and Youth Allowances **(PN0435)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme – to a petition requesting that people over the age of 65 with a disability be allowed to access the NDIS **(PN0442 and EN1113)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting approval for a new pharmacy in Minto, NSW **(PN0443)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(PN0446)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding amending section 329 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 about misleading advertising **(PN0448)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(PN0449)**

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

Mr Llew O'Brien MP

Chair – Petitions Committee