

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 13

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

7 August 2023

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 2 August 2023.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 2 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 2 August 2023

From 401 petitioners – regarding the undergrounding of power lines in the Apollo Bay network **(PN0564)**

From 55 petitioners – requesting an end to the indefinite detention of refugees **(PN0566)**

2. The following 81 ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 2 August 2023

From the Assistant Treasurer to a petition regarding legalisation of cryptocurrencies in Australia **(EN2461)**

From the Special Minister of State to a petition requesting the introduction and approval of a bill to cap the income earned by politicians in line with government COVID disaster payments **(EN2964)**

From the Special Minister of State to a petition regarding voter identification requirements **(EN3598)**

From the Special Minister of State to a petition regarding voting rights of New Zealand citizens and permanent residents **(EN3735)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the recognition of the Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for people aged over 60 years **(EN4108)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding application of the Medicare Levy Surcharge on households **(EN4118)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding removing all remaining travel restrictions when Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity

Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 lapses **(EN4135)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting an amendment to the Distribution Priority Area classification **(EN4139)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding Vaxine's vaccine status **(EN4149)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding food serving size on nutritional labels using common measuring units appropriate to food item **(EN4163)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding access to Evusheld® (tixagevimab and cilgavimab) for immunocompromised individuals **(EN4169)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting funding for a new hospital to service the Albury-Wodonga, Northeast Victoria, and Southern New South Wales regions **(EN4211)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding extending access cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CTFR) modulators **(EN4275)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding financial assistance for Australians with epilepsy **(EN4290)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that gender affirming surgeries be covered by Medicare **(EN4296)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding funding to the health and hospital system **(EN4298)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that endometriosis be recognised as a disability **(EN4330)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding extending access to subsidised continuous glucose monitoring **(EN4341)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting to reduce the timeframe of all 99-year leases to 18 years **(EN4379)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding medicinal cannabis cost issues **(EN4383)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting lower fees for general dental services and procedures **(EN4385)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding funding for drug and alcohol programs at the Murray Mallee General Practice network **(EN4399)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition requesting an amendment to the eligibility criteria for the Rural Locum Assistance Program **(EN4410)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding access to bulk billed healthcare **(EN4416) (EN4849)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting an increase to the Medicare rebate for GP consultation items **(EN4418)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding plasma exchange clinics to provide life-saving therapies and research for those living with dementia **(EN4420)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding updating laws for packaged food labelling **(EN4423)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition requesting the investigation and banning of all wording such as 'meat' from vegan products **(EN4459)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding supply of dialysis treatment buses in remote areas of New South Wales **(EN4477)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the number of on hand Skilled Regional Visa (subclass 887) visa applications **(EN4581)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting to enshrine the use of cash in law **(EN4638)**

From the Minister for Defence Personnel to a petition regarding the employment regulations precluding people with coeliac disease from joining the Australian Defence Force (ADF) **(EN4641)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting to reduce processing times for the Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional) (subclass 494) visa **(EN4645)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting the King's image to be included on the Australian \$5 note **(EN4646)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Water to a petition regarding the removal of all non-biodegradable soft plastics in packaging **(EN4664)**

From the Assistant Treasurer to a petition regarding changes to annual lodgements of the transfer balance account report (TBAR) for self-managed super funds (SMSFs) **(EN4665)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting to make restriction, deletion, demotion, hiding or unpublishing of any fair and factual promotion of a Parliamentary e-petition by media or social media companies a contempt of Parliament **(EN4674)**

From the Minister for Defence Personnel to a petition requesting to change the legislation regarding the acceptance of individuals with medical conditions such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and anaphylaxis into the Australian Defence Force (ADF) **(EN4715)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the annual places and processing times for Parent visas **(EN4798)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting routine sepsis screening for children and other at-risk Australians **(EN4805)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding a moratorium on mRNA vaccines **(EN4810)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the Social Security (Tables for the Assessment of Work-related Impairment for Disability Support Pension) Determination 2011 and nurse practitioners **(EN4834)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting to reduce the retirement age for Aboriginal people in Australia **(EN4835)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding financial support for current nursing and midwifery students while on clinical placements **(EN4851)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition requesting investigation of dioxins in our food chain and the environment **(EN4856)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding improving access to Medicare for telehealth consultations with GPs **(EN4872)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting a bereavement suite or room be included in every hospital in Australia **(EN4873)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the delisting of Fiasp® and Fiasp FlexTouch® from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN4886)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding NBN upgrades in regional Victoria **(EN4892)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the Disability Support Pension and the partner income test **(EN4899)**

From the Minister for Defence Personnel to a petition regarding mandatory military service for school leavers **(EN4903)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting an increase to the Medicare rebate and financial support to GP practices **(EN4906)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition Requesting the Australian Government increases Parenting Payment (Single) **(EN4919)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the alliance between Australia and the United States of America **(EN4926)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding international cooperation to establish a ceasefire in Russia's war in Ukraine **(EN4928)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting that telecommunications companies be prevented from imposing direct debit only payment options on customers **(EN4939)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to a petition regarding the political and human rights situation in Pakistan **(EN4942)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition regarding the awarding of a Victoria Cross medal to Leading Seaman Ronald Taylor 20863 **(EN4948)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the political and human rights situation in Pakistan **(EN4954)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the Australian government ceasing biannual indexation of unemployment payments **(EN4958)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding local government elections in Sri Lanka **(EN4961)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to make sterilisation accessible to those who want it **(EN4969)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding resourcing and funding for the eating disorder system of care **(EN4972)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition requesting the nationwide ban of euthanasia in Australia **(EN4980)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition regarding the duration of bachelor's degrees **(EN4982)**

From the Minister for Aged Care to a petition regarding financial support for current nursing and midwifery students while on clinical placements **(EN4985)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the listing of Trikafta (elixacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor and ivacaftor) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for the treatment of cystic fibrosis in patients ages six to 11 years **(EN4994)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding a Commonwealth Royal Commission into the COVID-19 pandemic response in Australia **(EN5000)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the conditions to be recognised as a woman **(EN5014)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the imposition of sanctions and entry bans on Chinese individuals involved in perpetrating human rights violations and abuses in China **(EN5016)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the residency requirements for the Age Pension **(EN5020)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the partner income test **(EN5041)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Water to a petition regarding the Bureau of Meteorology's publication of accurate temperatures across Australia **(EN5060)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition requesting that only flags of Australia be flown from public buildings and government-owned flagpoles **(EN5071)**

From the Speaker to a petition requesting e-petitions from serial petitioners to be ignored **(EN5076)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding maximum dispensing quantities for medications listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN5080)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition regarding increasing research scholarship rates for PhD students **(EN5085)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that the gross income for the GST threshold be increased **(EN5089)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition regarding the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 project **(EN5103)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding access to continuous glucose monitoring products **(EN5105)**

From the Minister for the Arts to a petition regarding funding for Trove **(PN0557, EN4825)**

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