

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 12

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

19 June 2017

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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 10 May, Wednesday 31 May, and Wednesday 14 June 2017.

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

From 26 petitioners – regarding paid parental leave for men **(EN0172)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting for all salary/packages to be made public **(EN0174)**

From 194 petitioners – requesting funding for a curriculum unit focusing on mental wellness **(EN0175)**

From 42 petitioners – requesting for changes to food labelling to identify spices **(EN0176)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting for the Augusta Highway between Port Wakefield and Port Augusta be made a dual highway **(EN0179)**

From 76 petitioners – requesting for assistance to cease violence in Venezuela **(EN0180)**

From 450 petitioners – requesting the perpetrators of genocide against minority groups be brought to justice **(EN0185)**

From 686 petitioners – requesting for Halal certification be removed from all domestic products **(EN0190)**

From 38 petitioners – requesting the modification of citizenship requirements **(EN0193)**

From 98 petitioners – requesting citizenship eligibility requirements be opposed for existing holders of permanent residency visas **(EN0194)**

From 31 petitioners – requesting citizenship eligibility requirements be reconsidered for existing holders of permanent residency visas **(EN0195)**

From 184 petitioners – requesting the four year waiting period for Australian citizenship be reconsidered **(EN0196)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting citizenship eligibility requirements be opposed for existing holders of permanent residency visas **(EN0200)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting a mandatory minimum of 12 months paid parental leave for male and female employees **(EN0201)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting support for the UN Treaty for the Banning of Nuclear Weapons **(EN0204)**

From 466 petitioners – requesting the withdrawal of proposed changes to citizenship laws **(EN0205)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the censure of Federal Labor Leader Bill Shorten **(EN0206)**

From 679 petitioners – requesting a review of the allocation of postcode 2306 **(EN0210)**

From 49 petitioners – requesting authorisation for the appropriate Minister to sign the UN Treaty for the Banning of Nuclear Weapons **(EN0212)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the arbitrary detainment of Julian Assange **(PN0054)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition concerning the Member for Warringah’s election to the House of Representatives **(EN0038)**

From the Minister for Justice – to a petition calling for the establishment of a Federal Independent Commission against political corruption **(EN0045)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the repeal or amendment of section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* **(EN0048)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding a deposit scheme for first home buyers **(EN0060)**

From the Minister for Justice – to a petition requesting tougher penalties for crime and deportation of convicted non-Australian citizens **(EN0074)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting changes to the Human Rights Commission and the Constitution of Australia **(EN0075)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition requesting changes to the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998* (Charter) **(EN0084)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding the taper rate for Newstart Allowance **(EN0092)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition concerning government housing for veterans **(EN0104)**

From the Minister for Defence – to a petition requesting the rejection of Department of Defence compulsory acquisition of land in Townsville **(EN0116)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition requesting a national day for people with chromosome variations **(EN0125)**

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