

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 14**

**Ministerial Responses**

**4 September 2023**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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**Report summarising the ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 9 August 2023.**

**1. The following 16 ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

***Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 9 August 2023***

From the Treasurer to a petition regarding forbidding state governments from charging taxes on ownership of electric vehicles **(EN3601)**

From the Assistant Minister for Defence regarding the Australian Defence Force Cadets Program being incorporated into the school curriculum **(EN4143)**

From the Speaker to a petition requesting that COVID-19 vaccination be made compulsory for all Members of Parliament **(EN4159)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the Australian Government increase Medicare rebates for general practitioners **(EN4373)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme to a petition requesting the role of Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board be held by a person with a disability **(EN4393)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting an inquiry into affirmation practices for children identifying as transgender **(EN4434)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding negotiations with Noongar Elders concerning compensation **(EN4808)**

From the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to a petition regarding additional entitlements for certain employees made redundant **(EN4839)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that lactation consultants be provided with a Medicare provider number **(EN4909)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding a national Human Rights Act in light of the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN4914)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding free access to wellness and mental health practitioners **(EN4960)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the House of Representatives to make mental health medications illegal **(EN5057)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition regarding the Prime Minister's attendance at the NATO Leaders' Summit **(EN5061)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the implementation of the expanded newborn screening program **(EN5078)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan **(EN5081)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the listing of fenfluramine (Fintepla®) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for Dravet syndrome **(EN5090)**

**Ms Susan Templeman MP**  
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