

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

REPORT No. 15

Petitions and Ministerial Responses

31 August 2020

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Mr Ken O'Dowd MP
Deputy Chair	Hon Justine Elliot MP
	Mrs Bridget Archer MP
	Ms Lisa Chesters MP
	Ms Gladys Liu MP
	Mr Julian Simmonds MP
	Mr James Stevens MP
	Ms Susan Templeman MP

SUMMARY OF PETITIONS AND MINISTERIAL RESPONSES BEING PRESENTED

The committee met in private session on 26 August 2020 and resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 626 petitioners – regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners
(PN0480)

From 170 petitioners – requesting a vote against increasing university fees and regarding university funding **(PN0481)**

From 10, 558 petitioners – requesting world heritage status for the Parramatta Female Factory **(PN0482)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding diplomatic relations with Brunei **(EN0911)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Julian Assange **(EN0919)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the Hong Kong extradition bill **(EN0957)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the government of Hong Kong **(EN1029)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the West Papuan Act of Free Choice 1969 **(EN1103)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the Republic of China and Taiwan **(EN1120)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding foreign aid and government debt **(EN1132)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding human rights in Hong Kong **(EN1133)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Julian Assange **(EN1151)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the Magnitsky Act
(EN1220)

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding foreign aid
(EN1258)

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural
Affairs – to a petition requesting immigration law be reformed **(EN1287)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding funding for cancer nurses
(EN1306)

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Australian
involvement in the United Nations **(EN1333)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting a ban on facial
recognition technology in Australia **(EN1352)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding overseas students
during COVID-19 **(EN1354)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a
petition regarding road safety strategies **(EN1366)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting the removal of GST on
accredited exercise physiologist **(EN1376)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding wearing masks in public
(EN1389)

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding working from home during
COVID-19 **(EN1400)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding child care subsidy
during COVID-19 **(EN1413)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding international travel
(EN1415)

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Medicare and foreign
trained doctors **(EN1418)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the COVID-19 pandemic
(EN1419)

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the closure of schools
during COVID-19 **(EN1422)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the closure of schools
during COVID-19 **(EN1430)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding international student
financial relief during COVID-19 **(EN1437)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the disability support and seniors pensions **(EN1442)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding day-care fees for non-attendance during COVID-19 **(EN1445)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding a Royal Commission into the Port Arthur massacre **(EN1446)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Medicare rebates for tele-health consultants **(EN1447)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding financial relief for international students during COVID-19 **(EN1478)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding temporary visas during COVID-19 **(EN1450)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding a ban on loot boxes in video games **(EN1452)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding rent and mortgages for business during COVID-19 **(EN1458)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management – to a petition regarding the importation of food products **(EN1467)**

From the Minister for Women – to a petition regarding rights for woman
(EN1476)

From the Minister for Education – to a petition requesting HECS exemption for health care workers **(EN1479)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the Constitution **(EN1521)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding an increase to carers pensions during COVID-19 **(EN1522)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting tax exemption for essential workers **(EN1529)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding home quarantine during COVID-19 **(EN1532)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding climate change **(PN0473)**

Mr Ken O'Dowd

Chair – Petitions Committee