

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 21

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 18 January 2024, 7 February 2024 and 14 February 2024.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 65 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 18 January 2024

From 51 petitioners – requesting the removal of any discrimination against autistic drivers in the Assessing Fitness to Drive guidelines **(EN5709)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5712)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting that the Prime Minister be removed from office **(EN5714)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting that unions pay tax **(EN5717)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding the Medicare levy **(EN5718)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5719)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5720)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the introduction of a code of conduct for parliamentarians **(EN5722)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting the cessation of any subsidies for renewable energy or electric vehicles **(EN5727)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding ADSL availability for non-wireless communications **(EN5729)**

From 45 petitioners – regarding the use of cash as legal tender **(EN5730)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5731)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the funding of public broadcasters **(EN5741)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting annual auditing of all government departments **(EN5743)**

From 13 petitioners – regarding recyclable and biodegradable packaging **(EN5746)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting the negotiation of a new US-Australian security treaty **(EN5748)**

From 99 petitioners – requesting that proposed Digital ID legislation be rejected **(EN5749)**

From 105 petitioners – regarding processing times for Partner visa (subclass 309) applications in Amman, Jordan **(EN5750)**

From 99 petitioners – requesting that proposed Digital ID legislation be rejected **(EN5751)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting that the House condemn Hamas and its supporters **(EN5754)**

From 86 petitioners – requesting that the House condemn the killing of children in Gaza **(EN5756)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding vendor finance options **(EN5765)**

From 306 petitioners – requesting jobs in the Victorian High Country be included as specified work for 'Working Holiday Maker' visas **(EN5767)**

From 4988 petitioners – regarding changes to the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN5768)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting products containing tea tree oil to be labelled as dangerous to small animals **(EN5769)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5770)**

From 777 petitioners – requesting Australian citizens be prevented from serving in the Israel Defense Forces **(EN5771)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting limits on the production of single use plastics **(EN5772)**

From 55 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a Veterans’ Advocacy Code of Conduct **(EN5773)**

From 808 petitioners – requesting exemptions to proposed changes to age limits for Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) applicants who are current or commencing students **(EN5774)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting support for Israel **(EN5776)**

From 36 petitioners – requesting eligibility requirements be reduced for Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191) applications **(EN5777)**

From 38 petitioners – requesting the implementation of a four-day work week **(EN5778)**

From 22 petitioners – requesting that Australia commit to defend Taiwan in the event of an invasion **(EN5779)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting a halt on Australian passport fee increases **(EN5780)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the creation of more Commonwealth Supported Places in medical courses **(EN5781)**

From 967 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into the involvement of Australian citizens in IDF operations **(EN5783)**

From 461 petitioners – regarding fee discrepancies between individual financial advisers and AFSL holders in relation to the ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy **(EN5784)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting increased protections for victims of family and domestic violence **(EN5785)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting that cannabidiol be included on the PBS for the treatment of chronic pain **(EN5789)**

From 586 petitioners – requesting the reconsideration of proposed changes to age limits for Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) applicants **(EN5790)**

From 68 petitioners – requesting humanitarian visas and support for Palestinians fleeing conflict in Gaza **(EN5793)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting the implementation of the Finnish housing policy model (Housing First) in Australia **(EN5804)**

From 54 petitioners – regarding concerns about a cashless Australia **(EN5808)**

From 31 petitioners – requesting a review of ADF recruitment restrictions around coeliac disease **(EN5816)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5822)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion industry in Australia **(EN5823)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding receipts for goods and services being issued to customers **(EN5826)**

From 73 petitioners – requesting a review into the way in which HECS loans are repaid **(EN5829)**

From 44 petitioners – requesting that the ABC be defunded **(EN5830)**

From 250 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into communications from DFAT and the consular support provided to Australian citizens and residents who have family members in Gaza **(EN5832)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting that the House consider repeating the referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament **(EN5833)**

From 56 petitioners – requesting the rejection of the World Health Organisation's new amendments to the International Health Regulations **(EN5836)**

From 1466 petitioners – regarding processing times for Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) visa (subclass 188) applications **(EN5837)**

From 1409 petitioners – requesting that Australia cease funding to UNRWA **(EN5838)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting the option for appointments with employment providers to be conducted via telephone **(EN5842)**

From 27 petitioners – requesting the development of a high-speed rail network to link all Australian capital cities **(EN5843)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding Australian Disability Enterprise employment conditions **(EN5845)**

From 189 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government suspend sanctions against Syria **(EN5846)**

From 5089 petitioners – requesting consular support for Palestinians evacuating Gaza and expanding access to visas **(EN5847)**

From 3716 petitioners – regarding the outcomes of the NDIS Review **(EN5849)**

From 550 petitioners – requesting the removal of the GST on exercise physiology services **(EN5850)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting that testing done for the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia is only done by NATA accredited laboratories **(EN5852)**

From 125 petitioners – regarding transparency of information sharing for the Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (MATES) program **(EN5853)**

From 183 petitioners – regarding consent from veterans of information sharing for the Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (MATES) program **(EN5854)**

2. The following 7 ministerial responses to petitions were received.
Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 14 February 2024

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding Overseas Visitors Health Cover **(EN4202)**

From the Assistant Treasurer to a petition regarding ticket reselling company Viagogo **(EN4350)**

From the Assistant Treasurer to a petition requesting that the ACCC be added to the terms of reference of the 'Inquiry into ASIC's capacity and capability to respond to reports of alleged misconduct' **(EN5423)**

From the Assistant Treasurer to a petition requesting that legislation be introduced requiring all imported retail goods to be labelled with their Co2 equivalent emissions **(EN5428)**

From the Minister for Finance to a petition regarding privacy concerns around the Australian Government's Digital ID program **(EN5485)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition requesting that Australia's Force Posture Agreement with the United States be terminated **(EN5543)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme to a petition regarding doctors being responsible for NDIS medical forms **(EN5550)**

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