

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 18

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

4 December 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 18 October and Wednesday 25 October 2017.

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

From 3803 petitioners – requesting changes to banking legislation **(PN0153)**

From 24 petitioners – requesting changes to the age limit for social media use **(PN0154)**

From 34 petitioners – requesting equal pay for men and women be legislated **(PN0155)**

From 206 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0156)**

From 237 petitioners – requesting an urgent review of asylum seeker welfare policies **(PN0157)**

From 65 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0158)**

From 97 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0159)**

From 110 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0160)**

From 101 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0161)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0162)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0163)**

From 41 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0164)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0165)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0166)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0167)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0168)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0169)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0170)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0171)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0172)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0173)**

From 704 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0175)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0176)**

From 1221 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0177)**

From 483 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0179)**

From 260 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0180)**

From 169 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0181)**

From 172 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0182)**

From 156 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0184)**

From 3190 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0185)**

From 41 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0186)**

From 483 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0187)**

From 95 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0188)**

From 411 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0189)**

From 34 petitioners – requesting the smoking age be changed from 18 to 21 **(PN0190)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting an extension of the jurisdiction of the Australian Capital Territory **(EN0356)**

From 17 petitioners - requesting a ban on the sale and production of Propylene Glycol and other petroleum-based substances in personal products **(EN0359)**

From 181 petitioners – requesting various measures in relation to forced medication, informed consent and other matters used in psychiatric practice **(EN0360)**

From 154 petitioners – requesting additional funding for the Northern Rivers Rail Trail **(EN0361)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting 22 January be declared a National Day
(EN0362)

From 44 petitioners – requesting a referendum to address certain matters
relating to the Australian Constitution **(EN0363)**

From 490 petitioners – requesting treatment for Alpha-1 antitrypsin be
available through the National Blood Authority **(EN0364)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting for addresses of sex offenders be made
public **(EN0366)**

From 3414 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Customs (Prohibited
Imports) Regulations Act 1956 **(EN0367)**

From 14 petitioners – requestion legislation be introduced to prevent the
private export of infant formula **(EN0368)**

From 712 petitioners – requesting the introduction of certain measures
relating to family law **(EN0372)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting amendments to S51 of the Australian
Constitution **(EN0378)**

From 81 petitioners – requesting an increase in the amount of allied mental
health services visits available to patients funded by Medicare **(EN0379)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Disability Support Pension payment eligibility **(EN0380)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting changes to financial supports for patients requiring diagnostic procedures and treatments **(EN0381)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting full Medicare coverage for medical diagnostics for patients with medically unexplained physical symptoms **(EN0382)**

From 20 petitioners – requesting defined pathways for disability support recipients **(EN0383)**

From 352 petitioners – requesting the national classifications for media and arts be applied to education program units shown in schools **(EN0384)**

From 96 petitioners – requesting changes to insurance premiums and certain areas of the insurance industry **(EN0389)**

From 651 petitioners – requesting changes to child support arrangements **(EN0391)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting an increase to Medicare funding services for Pilbara residents **(EN0392)**

From 363 petitioners – requesting Government assistance for the unlawful imprisonment of Jock Palfreeman **(EN0396)**

From 435 petitioners – requesting a ban on the overseas shipment of infant formula **(EN0399)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding asylum seeker policies **(PN0069)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding regional processing and settlement arrangements **(PN0070)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – to a petition regarding the funding of travellers across the Bass Strait **(PN0073)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to petitions regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners **(PN0082 and PN0091)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition regarding Parliamentarians' work expenses **(EN0103)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding ethnic, indigenous and religious minorities in the Middle East **(EN0185)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding Australian citizenship requirements **(EN0224)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding trade sanctions on the United States **(EN0254)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding a drug testing trial for recipients of welfare payments **(EN0256)**

From The Speaker – to a petition regarding the register of Members’ interests
(EN0261)

From The Speaker – to a petition regarding daily prayers in the House of
Representatives chamber **(EN0272)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition regarding Parliamentary
terms **(EN0274)**

From The Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the Family Law Act and
family violence **(EN0306)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

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Chair – Petitions Committee