



Appendix A: Petitions 1973-2009

Year	<i>House</i>				<i>Senate</i>
	Number of Petitions	Signatures	Ministerial responses	% Ministerial responses	Number of petitions
1973	1677				119
1974	883				477
1975	2043				677
1976	1987				558
1977	1420				470
1978	1340				578
1979	2366				742
1980	1923				701
1981	2900				669
1982	2094				1014
1983	1885				860
1984	2315				870
1985	2955				1093
1986	5528				1262
1987	3622				1291
1988	1289				780
1989	1690				882
1990	564				404
1991	824				779
1992	843	365155	3	0.4%	607
1993	547	734785	0	0.0%	539
1994	540	360462	0	0.0%	464
1995	431	456923	3	0.7%	589
1996	430	283163	5	1.2%	464
1997	633	322085	1	0.2%	476
1998	336	251466	0	0.0%	218
1999	232	139741	0	0.0%	194
2000	289	1411278	0	0.0%	102

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2001	250	168226	0	0.0%	103
2002	319	362599	0	0.0%	99
2003	369	381083	1	0.3%	129
2004	471	214315	0	0.0%	180
2005	235	230190	1	0.4%	86
2006	276	250091	0	0.0%	161
2007	250	118596	1	0.4%	77
2008	109	96769	56	51.4%	53
2009	120	259477	87	72.5%	41

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