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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 3 December 2008**  
**Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House**  
**10.15 am – 12.00 noon**

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**Department of Health and Ageing**

*Petitions received up to 13 November 2008 and referred to the Minister for Health and Ageing*

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Palliative care on the Sunshine Coast	1 September 2008	37	Response from Minister for Ageing, dated 2 October 2008
Funding for personal care assistants in nursing homes	1 September 2008	15	Response from Minister for Ageing, dated 23 October 2008, to be tabled 24 November
Ratio of personal care assistants in nursing homes	1 September 2008	15	Response from Minister for Ageing, dated 10 October 2008
Funding for Kempsey District Hospital	Mr Hartsuyker 21 October 2008	4422	
Access to PBS/Medicare for hyperhidrosis sufferers	1 September 2008	1	Response from Minister for Health and Ageing, dated 24 October 2008, to be tabled 24 November
Prohibition of the drug Khat	22 September 2008	1087	Public hearing Fitzroy, 30 October 2008

**11.00 am – 11.15 am**

**Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**

*Petitions received up to 13 November 2008 and referred to the Minister for Resources and Energy*

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Olympic Dam uranium mine	26 May 2008 1 September 2008	70 53	Response from Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, dated 8 July 2008 Response from Minister for Resources and Energy, dated 25 September 2008 Public hearing, 24 September 2008

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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional  
Development and Local Government**

*Petitions received up to 13 November 2008 and referred to the Minister for Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development and Local Government*

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>No. of signatures</b>	<b>Further action</b>
King Street Bridge	1 September 2008	1050	Response from Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, dated 14 October 2008
Canberra Airport	1 September 2008	20	
Curfew at Canberra Airport	1 September 2008	3226	
Pedestrian crossing in Athelstone	15 September 2008	194	Response from Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, dated 14 October 2008
Feasibility study of rail options for Adelaide	22 September 2008	267	

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