

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 26

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

13 August 2018

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 6 September 2017, 30 May 2018, 20 June 2018 and 27 June 2018.

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

From 6386 petitioners – requesting a change to Australia’s refugee policy
(PN0090)

From 34 petitioners – requesting that all new buildings install solar power
(EN0614)

From 24 petitioners – requesting the House determine where responsibility lies for prosecuting breaches of S44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0615)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting that Australia become a cashless economy and conduct all business by electronic funds transfer **(EN0616)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (CIRS) and related conditions **(EN0617)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting national regulations to protect the data privacy and security of all Australians **(EN0618)**

From 63 petitioners – requesting stricter rules regarding the live export of animals from Australia **(EN0619)**

From 139 petitioners – requesting that the situation of Ukrainian film-maker Oleg Sentsov be raised in the Australian Parliament **(EN0620)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting that Auslan be introduced into the Australian curriculum and be studied on a mandatory basis **(EN0624)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting that PAYG and company tax be replaced by a flat tax of 15-20% **(EN0625)**

From 8 petitioners – regarding the impact of pharmaceuticals on the Australian environment **(EN0628)**

From 356 petitioners – requesting changes to the Child Support Act **(EN0630)**

From 72 petitioners – requesting changes to the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 **(EN0634)**

From 388 petitioners – requesting that the mandatory registration of all child protection workers (Braxton's Law) be implemented in Australia **(EN0641)**

From 48 petitioners – requesting the law be amended to allow higher wattage scooters on public cycle paths **(EN0648)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting that small exotic animals such as hedgehogs be made legal in Australia for use as pets **(EN0649)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting that Australian Tax law be amended to revoke tax free status of the Catholic Church or other similarly tax free bodies if child protection laws are not adhered to **(EN0650)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition regarding the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission timeframe for advice regarding DVA claims **(EN0325)**

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources – to a petition regarding banning pesticides in Australia **(EN0440)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition requesting a Royal Commission into the Department of Veterans' Affairs **(EN0451)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding requesting the removal of the Luxury Car Tax **(EN0472)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition requesting removing the GST on feminine hygiene products **(EN0478)**

From the Speaker – to a petition requesting that petitions which receive more than a threshold number of signatures be scheduled for debate in the House **(EN0503)**

From the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding adding the Crown insignia to the Commonwealth Coat of Arms **(EN0505)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting that Australia retain its existing nomenclature for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) **(EN0512)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting that Australia change its policy on the nomenclature of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) **(EN0525)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s foreign aid budget **(EN0531)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Visa applications by South African nationals to emigrate to Australia **(EN0535)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Rohingya refugees from Myanmar **(PN0344)**

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

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee