

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 5**

**Ministerial Responses**

**13 February 2023**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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**Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 8 February 2023.**

**The following 23 ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding parental leave for stay-at-home dads **(EN1838)**

From the Minister for the Public Service to a petition regarding age discrimination in the public service **(EN2627)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the name used for 'Persian Gulf' **(EN2805)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding early access to superannuation **(EN2941)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding increasing the superannuation concessional cap **(EN2997)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding support for the people of Afghanistan **(EN3164)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding extending the temporary COVID-19 grounds for early release of superannuation **(EN3190)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding assistance and logistical support to armed groups in Afghanistan **(EN3199)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding humanitarian support for Tigray Ethiopia **(EN3340)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding the cost of financial advice for consumers **(EN3360)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the recognition of genocide against the Yazidi community **(EN3404)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding delay on delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations to vulnerable Australians **(EN3410)**

From the Minister for the Public Service to a petition regarding a mandate for all public servants to be vaccinated **(EN3548)**

From the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Cabinet to a petition regarding a change in the National Anthem to Thirty Merc's "In the Summertime" **(EN3689)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding joint custody arrangements in Japan **(EN3897)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the detention and release of Professor Sean Turnell in Myanmar **(EN3917)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition regarding defence personnel assistance during natural disaster **(EN4048)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding mobile phone reception in the Lucas area **(EN4060)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition regarding gender equity for frontline combat roles and conscription **(EN4069)**

From the Treasurer to a petition regarding a new \$5 note featuring Steve Irwin **(EN4471 and EN4472)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding bulk billed paediatric appointments for under 18's **(EN4502)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding Nunyara Aboriginal Health Service **(EN4549)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding eligibility for aged pension **(EN4564)**

***Correction to previous presentation***

In Report 04 presented on 6 February 2023 the incorrect petition number (EN4048) was given to a response from the Minister for Financial Services. The correct information is:

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding superannuation contributions for Members of Parliament **(EN4084)**

**Ms Susan Templeman MP**  
**Chair – Petitions Committee**