HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 17

Ministerial responses to petitions

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Report summarising and Ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session on 21 October 2020 and considered the following ministerial responses to petitions:

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the introduction of an International Human Rights Bill **(EN1060)**

From the Minister for Defence – to a petition regarding the ongoing support of the Australian Defence Force to combat fires **(EN1141)**

From the Leader of the House – to a petition regarding Member's religious beliefs **(EN1206)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding electric vehicles and liquid fuel security **(EN1254)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the reopening of Ayers Rock for climbing **(EN1325)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding permanent residency for health professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN1420)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the China-Australia bilateral relationship **(EN1473)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management – to a petition regarding sustainable livestock and intensive animal industries **(EN1534)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN1537)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding work restrictions for international students **(EN1540)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the National Rental Affordability Scheme **(EN1565)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding the re-nationalisation of Qantas **(EN1612)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding the safety of Hong Kong residents **(EN1620)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the teaching of Auslan in schools **(EN1621)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding a tax on junk food **(EN1638)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding university fees **(PN0481)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding world heritage status for the Parramatta Female Factory **(PN0482)**

Mr Ken O'Dowd Chair – Petitions Committee