

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 27

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

24 June 2024

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 15 May and 5 June 2024.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 50 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 15 May 2024

From 5509 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government impose sanctions on Israel **(EN6141)**

From 41 petitioners – requesting legislation to prohibit financial institutions from charging processing fees for bank card transactions **(EN6142)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting legislation to restrict social media access for children up to the age of 15 years old **(EN6145)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting Australian citizenship be offered to Muhammad Taha in acknowledgment of his bravery during the Westfield Bondi attack **(EN6147)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding pending charges being included in police checks **(EN6148)**

From 39 petitioners – regarding access to medical support for Australian Defence Force veterans **(EN6151)**

From 75 petitioners – requesting the repeal of the *Online Safety Act 2021* **(EN6152)**

From 2434 petitioners – requesting that an F/A-18 ‘Classic’ Hornet be allocated to the Queensland Air Museum **(EN6153)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting that social work students be paid for work placements **(EN6154)**

From 31 petitioners – requesting universal free mental healthcare **(EN6156)**

From 43 petitioners – requesting more affordable mental healthcare **(EN6157)**

From 43 petitioners – requesting legislation to safeguard the role of cash in the Australian economy **(EN6158)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting the creation of an Australian Climate Corps initiative based on the United States model **(EN6160)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting that the Australian Government invest in the development of artificial intelligence **(EN6161)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting increased penalties for those found guilty of physical abuse towards persons with a disability **(EN6162)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6163)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting funding for the development of nuclear fusion maritime propulsion technology **(EN6164)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting funding for the development of nuclear fusion space propulsion technology **(EN6165)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6166)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting legislation to restrict social media access for children **(EN6168)**

From 249 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Constitution be amended to include protections for free speech **(EN6169)**

From 206 petitioners – requesting the investigation of Australian citizens who have fought for Hamas or served in the Israeli Defense Forces **(EN6170)**

From 552 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government impose sanctions on Israeli officials and business operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories **(EN6171)**

From 32 petitioners – regarding the indexation rates applied to HECS-HELP loan debts **(EN6172)**

From 129813 petitioners – requesting that Australia formally recognise the state of Palestine **(EN6173)**

From 304 petitioners – regarding the importation of nicotine vaping products for personal use **(EN6174)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding the deportation of New Zealand citizens from Australia **(EN6175)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding the deportation of New Zealand citizens on character grounds **(EN6176)**

From 47 petitioners – regarding corporate tax obligations **(EN6177)**

From 51 petitioners – regarding the discontinuation of the pharmaceutical product Normacol Plus **(EN6178)**

From 56 petitioners – regarding public access to national parks **(EN6179)**

From 27 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government cancel United States Force Posture Initiatives related to the storage of nuclear material **(EN6180)**

From 20 petitioners – regarding eligibility for the Disability Support Pension for people living with vertigo and Ménière’s disease **(EN6182)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting increased community safety measures **(EN6183)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting an inquiry into the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct revitalisation project **(EN6186)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting the introduction of specific requirements for the sale of printers in Australia **(EN6187)**

From 3674 petitioners – requesting an increase to pay and allowances for Australian Federal Police officers and employees **(EN6189)**

From 48 petitioners – requesting the introduction of legislation to require genetic testing for child support claims **(EN6190)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting that privacy protections be established in relation to the use of images **(EN6191)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the accessibility of portable haemodialysis machines **(EN6192)**

From 2648 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a royal commission into family violence **(EN6193)**

From 32 petitioners – requesting the cessation of automatic increases to fuel and alcohol excises **(EN6197)**

From 21298 petitioners – requesting a transition period for people affected by changes to age limits for Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN6198)**

From 51 petitioners – requesting the re-implementation of flight curfews in South Australia **(EN6199)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding post-natal psychiatric medications **(EN6201)**

From 27 petitioners – requesting early implementation of the Commonwealth Prac Payment scheme **(EN6206)**

From 258 petitioners – requesting that eligibility for the Commonwealth Prac Payment scheme be widened to include physiotherapy and occupational therapy students **(EN6207)**

From 545 petitioners – requesting legislation to facilitate involuntary mental health treatment for children **(EN6209)**

From 98 petitioners – regarding Australia’s COVID-19 vaccination program **(EN6210)**

From 4007 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government commit further funding to humanitarian aid and support for Palestine **(EN6212)**

2. The following 3 ministerial responses to petitions were received.
Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 5 June 2024

From the Minister for Indigenous Australians to a petition regarding funding priorities within the Indigenous Australians portfolio **(EN5070)**

From the Minister for Climate Change and Energy to a petition requesting the cessation of all activities related to solar radiation management and geoengineering **(EN5667)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition regarding the Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Service program **(EN5854)**

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