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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday 22 October 2008 Committee Room 1R3, Canberra 10.30am – 11.40am

10.30 am - 11.00 am

Department of Education

Petitions received up to 25 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Education

| Subject | Presentation | No. of signatures | Further action |
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| Portability of funding for students with a disability | 26 May 2008 | 485 | Response from Minister for Education, dated 15 September 2008 |
| Funding formula for public schools | 26 May 2008 | 162 | Response from Minister for Education, dated 20 August 2008 |
| Higher Education Assistance | 23 June 2008 | 41 | Response from Minister for Education, dated 3 September 2008 |
| Funding for preschools | 17 September 2008 (Ms Saffin) | 369 | |

For information on petitions received in this portfolio area see http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/education.htm

11.00 am – 11.20 am

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Petitions received up to 25 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

| Subject | Presentation | No. of signatures | Further action |
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| Immigration policy - priority for Christians | 17 March 2008 | 269 | Response from Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, dated 13 April 2008 |
| Income support for asylum seekers | 26 May 2008 2 June 2008 1 September 2008 22 September 2008 | 26 50 19 12 | Response from Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, dated 24 August 2008 |
| Permanent residency for 410 visa holders | 1 September 2008 | 2 | |

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http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/immigration.htm

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Department of Human Services

| Subject | Presentation | No. of signatures | Further action |
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| Centrelink Services, Morwell | 17 March 2008 | 1713 | Response from Minister for Human Services, dated 5 May 2008 |
| Income support for asylum seekers | 26 May 2008 2 June 2008 1 September 2008 22 September 2008 | 26 50 19 12 | Response from Minister for Human Services, dated 1 October 2008, not yet presented |
| Medicare office, Swan electorate | 23 June 2008 | 11994 | Response from Minister for Human Services, dated 10 September 2008, not yet presented |

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