

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 7

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

27 February 2017

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 Wednesday 30 November 2016 and Wednesday 15 February 2017.

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

From 1 petitioner—calling for a permanent visa for Ms Sara Karimi. **(PN0046)**

From 2284 petitioners—calling for the banning of the release of balloons and the filling of balloons with helium. **(PN0051)**

From 66 petitioners—calling for changes to Newstart. **(EN0092)**

From 15 petitioners—calling for greater legal protection from unfair dismissal, general protections for employees on parental leave, regardless of income or gender. **(EN0095)**

From 8356 petitioners—calling for any payments to past Members of Parliament to cease. **(EN0096)**

From 1019 petitioners—calling for the suspension of the data matching compliance system for Centrelink. **(EN0098)**

From 770 petitioners—calling for parliamentary pensions to be rescinded and aligned with aged care payments. **(EN0099)**

From 157 petitioners—regarding the asylum seekers and refugees. **(EN0101)**

From 306 petitioners—requesting that returned service men and women be entitled to government housing. **(EN0104)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister—to a petition regarding a national strategy for redress scheme for survivors of child abuse.

(1144/1651)

From the Minister for Human Services—to a petition regarding the consolidation of service centres in the Shortland Electorate. (1150/1657)

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—to a petition regarding persecution of Christians in the Middle East. (1167/1676)

From the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—to a petition regarding a permanent residency application for Mr Andrew Watt.

(PN0002)

From the Minister for Health—to a petition regarding the cost of private health insurance. (PN0009)

From the Minister for Health—to a petition regarding the addition of the drug Keytruda to the PBS. (PN0012)

From the Minister for Regional Communications—to a petition regarding funding for the improvement of black spots. (PN0023)

From the Minister for Local Government and Territories—to a petition regarding the National Capital Plan and West Basin Precinct Code. (PN0028)

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—to a petition regarding Halal certification. (PN0034)

From the Minister for Human Services—to a petition regarding the cashless debit card in Ceduna. (EN0037)

From the Minister for Communications—to a petition regarding gambling advertising. (EN0041)

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ross Vasta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Mr Ross Vasta MP
Chair - Petitions Committee