

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 3

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

16 September 2019

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 31 July and 11 September 2019.

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

From 2343 petitioners – regarding a national rural mental health strategy
(PN0426)

From 16,837 petitioners – regarding organ harvesting of Falun Gong in China
(PN0428)

From 18 petitioners – regarding the use of psychotropic drugs in Australian institutions **(PN0430)**

From 26 petitioners – regarding organ harvesting of Falun Gong in China
(PN0431)

From 99 petitioners – regarding the use of psychotropic drugs in Australian institutions **(EN0964)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding zone tax offset for Kangaroo Island residents **(EN0049)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a regarding the situation in Venezuela **(EN0180)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a regarding the nuclear weapons ban treaty **(EN0204)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a regarding the nuclear weapons ban treaty **(EN0212)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting that Australia’s personal and company income tax rates be replaced with a flat tax rate **(EN0625)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the pricing for behavioural clinicians under the NDIS **(EN0694)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding remuneration and work related expenses for Members of Parliament **(EN0739)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding the proposed visit to Australia of Mr Tommy Robinson and Mr Gavin McInnes **(EN0764)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding granting an Australian visa for Tyler the Creator **(EN0779)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding granting an Australian visa for Tyler the Creator **(EN0784)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding Australian permanent resident visas for New Zealand citizens who have children born in Australia **(EN0788)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s asylum seeker policy and regional processing **(EN0808)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding asylum for Ms Rahaf Mohammad Al-Qunun of Saudi Arabia **(EN0837)**

From the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management – to a petition regarding water management in the Murray-Darling Basin **(EN0844)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting closure of smaller Australian Embassies and Consulates **(EN0847)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding classifying epilepsy as a disability **(EN0849)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting the repeal of the National Firearms Agreement **(EN0852)**

From the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business – to a petition regarding the Work for the Dole Program **(EN0855)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting a reduction in tobacco tax and an increase in alcohol tax **(EN0856)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting the reinstatement of the Q Fever Management Program **(EN0866)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s asylum seeker policy and regional processing **(EN0867)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding dumping of coal sludge and its impact on the Great Barrier Reef **(EN0880)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding the revocation of the visa of Mr David Icke to enter Australia **(EN0885)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding Australia’s GST and fuel excise **(EN0888)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding increased funding and research for people with Lupus **(EN0892)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding renewable energy in Australia **(EN0895)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding a Social Security Agreement between Australia and Bulgaria **(EN0899)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding the superannuation arrangements for parliamentarians **(EN0901)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition requesting the removal of the requirement for federal election candidates to pay a nomination deposit **(EN0906)**

From the Minister for Industrial Relations – to a petition requesting that wages be increased **(EN0908)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Islamic State in Syria and Iraq **(PN0060)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia's asylum seeker policy **(PN0090)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding taxation of minors' income from investments **(PN0239)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the closure of child-care centres in the Albury-Wodonga region of NSW and Victoria **(PN0394 and EN0796)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s regional processing and resettlement arrangements **(PN0397)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s asylum seeker policy and regional processing **(PN0402)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s asylum seeker policy and regional processing **(PN0404)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding a cure for the neurodegenerative disease PKAN **(PN0405 and PN0407)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Security and the Arts– to a petition requesting strengthening the ABC Radio National broadcasting signal to Armidale, NSW **(PN0408)**

From the Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government – to a petition regarding mobile phone coverage in Violet Town and District, Victoria **(PN0409)**

Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government – to a petition regarding mobile phone coverage, satellite-only free-to-air television and NBN services in Bicheno, Tasmania **(PN0410)**

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

Mr Llew O'Brien MP

Chair – Petitions Committee