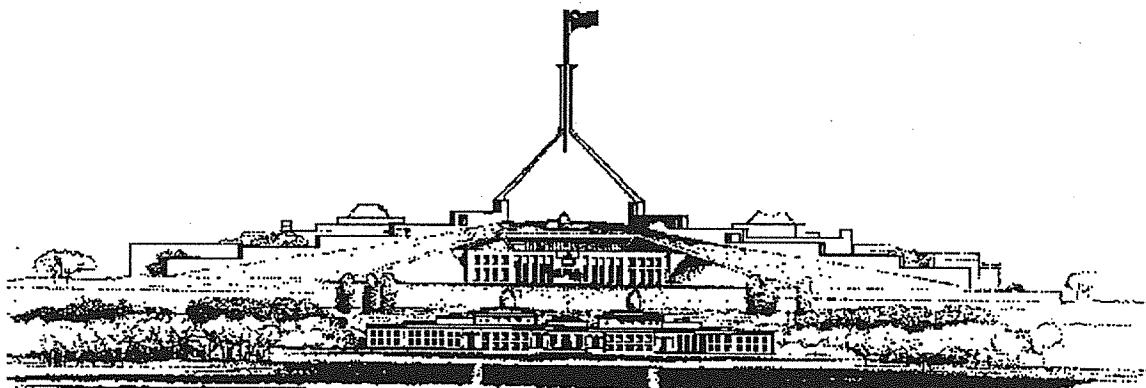




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**HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

Official Hansard

MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2000

THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT
FIRST SESSION—SEVENTH PERIOD

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Your petitioners therefore request that the House require the Federal Government to reconsider and to make any further decisions only after the Government has held consultations with those citizens likely to be affected by such decisions or as the result of consultations with women's organisations.

by **Mr Andren** (from 42 citizens) and

by **Ms Plibersek** (from 36 citizens).

Nuclear Waste: South Australia

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives in this present Parliament: the humble Petition of the undersigned electors and residents of South Australia.

Respectfully show that the transport, burying or storing of nuclear waste in South Australia could damage our environment, health and image. Your petitioners therefore ask that your Honourable House will:

Do all it can to prevent South Australia becoming the dump for any nuclear and radioactive waste from the rest of Australia and the world.

by **Mr Evans** (from 145,658 citizens) and

by **Mr Sawford** (from 34 citizens).

Nursing Homes: Capital Funding

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

The petition of certain citizens draws to the House the issues confronting the Australian nation with respect to Nursing Home funding. We believe that the Federal Government has put lives at risk by cutting funding to Nursing Homes. The crisis over the Riverside Nursing Home is an indictment of aged care minister Bronwyn Bishop and the federal government. 'Self-regulation' of the nursing home industry has left elderly people prey to profit-mongers who care only about the bottom line.

We therefore

Call for the resignation of Bronwyn Bishop.

Demand that Nursing Home funding be increased.

by **Mr Bevis** (from 225 citizens).

Austudy

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

The petition of Australian students, and other concerned voters, brings to the attention of the House, our desire to change policies relating to the non-payment of Rent Assistance to students receiving Austudy Payment. This is felt to be a

particularly unfair and discriminatory practice, especially against mature-aged students, returning to study.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the House heeds our wishes and allows students receiving Austudy Payment the same benefits and rights as other benefit recipients.

by **Ms Burke** (from 1,919 citizens).

World Trade Organisation

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament:

The petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the following matters concerning the World Trade Organisation.

The Uruguay Round Agreements and the establishment of the World Trade Organisation were proclaimed as a means of enhancing the creation of global wealth and prosperity, promoting the well-being of all people in all member states and encouraging sustainable development.

We believe, however, that in the past five years, the activities of the WTO have contributed to the concentration of wealth in the hands of the rich few, an increase in poverty for the majority of the world's population and the proliferation of unsustainable patterns of production and consumption.

The Uruguay Agreements have functioned principally as a means of prising open markets for the benefit of transnational corporations at the expense of national economies and national sovereignty, workers, farmers, women and children, and the environment.

In addition, the rules, regulations and procedures under which the WTO operates are undemocratic, non-transparent and non-accountable and have served to marginalise the majority of the world's people.

We, the undersigned, oppose any further negotiations on liberalisation, especially those which will bring new areas under the WTO regime, such as investment, forestry, government procurement, competition policy and services (especially health and education).

Your petitioners therefore request the House to support:

a moratorium on any new issues and any negotiations which expand the scope and power of the WTO, and

a comprehensive, open and in-depth review of the existing agreements. Such a review should address the WTO's impact on marginalised communities, development, democracy, environment,



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David Cameron and George Osbourne to Resign

Responsible department: Cabinet Office

We the undersigned petition for the resignation of David Cameron and George Osbourne.

Since entering office, David Cameron, George Osbourne and the Coalition as a whole have shown themselves repeatedly to be utterly out of touch with the British people's needs and utterly incapable of making any improvement to the financial situation in the UK.

Their sole solution to every embarrassment and failure has been to blame the previous government, who left office over two years ago, since that time there has been no improvement and it is an affront to people's intelligence that we be expected to believe that the last government are still responsible for the current situation two years down the line.

With members of all parties commenting on their concern and distrust of the current government, it is clear that public and political confidence in them is nearly zero.

We call for the resignation of David Cameron and George Osbourne and for a new general election to be called.

This e-petition has received the following response:

As this e-petition has received more than 10 000 signatures, the relevant Government department have provided the following response:

This Government is fully committed to a programme of work that will continue to the next election – in May 2015 – and beyond. In 2010, the Coalition parties came together in the national interest and formed a Government at a time of real economic danger. The deficit was spiralling out of control, confidence was plummeting and the world was looking to Britain with growing anxiety about our ability to service our debts.

This Government's most urgent job was to restore stability in our public finances and confidence in the British economy. In just two years we cut the deficit by a quarter and set out a credible path towards our goal to balance the current budget over the economic cycle. Yet we have also taken

action to ensure that we build a stronger, more balanced economy capable of delivering lasting growth and widely shared prosperity.

We have had to make some difficult choices, but we have not baulked at the tough decisions needed to secure Britain's future. Whether it is reducing the deficit, rebalancing the economy, regulating the banks, tackling climate change, modernising our energy and transport infrastructure, putting our universities on a sustainable financial footing or dealing with the challenges of an ageing population and reforming public sector pensions, we have consistently chosen to do what is right over what is easy or popular; what is in our country's long-term interest over our parties' short-term interest.

We have recently published a Mid Term Review document, setting out our achievements to date, and we will continue to put political partisanship to one side to govern in the interests of the country.

This e-petition remains open to signatures and will be considered for debate by the Backbench Business Committee should it pass the 100 000 signature threshold.

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David Cameron should resign with immediate effect due to gross negligence with regard to the crisis in Syria

Responsible department: Cabinet Office

David Cameron's failure to condemn the massacre's in Gaza and his unconditional support for a morally bankrupt regime in the state of Israel, leaves Great Britain's position as a world leader in foreign relations untenable. As our leader and representative on the world stage David Cameron is responsible for acting on behalf of us, the british people. His failure to do this and his defiant choice to protect his own interests amounts to gross negligence and it is now up to us to demand his resignation from the post of Prime Minister.

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Resignation of Attorney General, Dominic Grieve.

Responsible department: Attorney General's Office

A call for the resignation of Attorney General, Dominic Grieve, over his personal investigation into the death of Dr. David Kelly, who revealed that the government dossier on Iraq having weapons of mass destruction was 'sexed up' which we now know was deliberately fabricated to take the UK into an illegal war. Dominic Grieve took it upon himself to investigate the death of Dr David Kelly when it should have been left to an independent inquest, as with every other case where death has not occurred through natural causes. He should therefore resign.

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Maria Miller to be removed from post

Responsible department: Cabinet Office

We the undersigned believe that the minister for disabled people Maria Miller MP has failed in her responsibility to represent disabled people and does not represent the opinions, fears and concerns of disabled people and so call upon her immediate resignation.

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