

#### PETITONS SUBCOMMITTEE

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE KOMITI TAKE TURE

#### **MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, 1 April 2021

TIME: 1.03pm - 2.00pm

VENUE: Zoom video-conference

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ginny Andersen (Chairperson)

Simeon Brown Arena Williams

COMMITTEE STAFF:

Gabor Hellyer, Principal Clerk of Committee Sam Gordon, Deputy Clerk of Committee

Jonathan Harris, Parliamentary Officer (Administration)

#### **BUSINESS**

1. Petition of Karl Thomas: Consistent Sentencing Guidelines for Judges in Animal Abuse Cases

1.03pm - 1.05pm



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| 2. | Petition of Sandra (Sandy) Dufty: Increase<br>Punishment for Repeat Drink Driver and Disqualified<br>Drivers | 1.05pm – 1.07pm |
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| 3. | Petition of Stephanie Johnston for Barnabas Fund:<br>Our Religious Freedom                                   | 1.07pm          |
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| 4. | Petition of Wendy Baker: Educate Police to show more empathy to women, living alone, who make complaints     | 1.07pm – 1.17pm |
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| 5. | Petition of Carl Smith: Create a team to attend to lower level criminal offences                             | 1.17pm – 1.22pm |
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7. Petition of Christine McCarthy for Wellington Howard League for Penal Reform: Stop convicting children

1.30pm - 1.31pm



8. Petition of Corinda Taylor for Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust: Access to Justice for Suicide-Bereaved Families and Whānau

1.31pm - 1.35pm



9. Petition of Joanna Harris: Recognise and protect unborn babies in traffic accidents

1.35pm - 1.36pm



10. Petition of Liya Lupala: Add a discretionary power to the Clean Slate Act 2004

1.36pm – 1.41pm



11. Petition of Peter Barlow: Allow media journalists in the Family Court, Petition of Peter Barlow: Educate New Zealanders on the Property (Relationships) Act 1976, Petition of Peter Barlow: Nullify de facto relationships where one partner steals from another, Petition of Peter Barlow: Property Relationship De facto Terms Overseas

1.41pm - 1.46pm



12. Petition of Lois McGirr for Justice For All Inc: Stop jail-house informant testimony from causing wrongful convictions

1.46pm – 1.47pm



13. Petition of Neil McDermott: Disputes Tribunal to consider disputes over trees in urban environment

1.47pm – 1.48pm



14. Petition of Charlotte Abrial: Shorten separation time for divorce in domestic violence cases

1.48pm - 1.50pm



15. Petition of John Creser: Justice Dept correct clerical errors in Court of Appeal judgments made in 2003

1.50pm - 1.51pm

#### 15.1 Consideration

Resolved, That the secretariat be instructed to draft a pro-forma report.

16. Petition of Scott Guthrie on behalf of Transforming Justice Foundation: Remove the right to silence when arrested or detained on a charge of child abuse

1.51pm - 1.56pm



17. Petition of Anna Maria.E.F Coervers: Amend First Responders and Prison Officers Bill to include registered nurses

1.57pm

#### 17.1 Consideration

Resolved, That the petition be reported back with the relevant bill.

18. Petition of Hon Clare Curran: Reject the Protection for First Responders and Prison Officers Bill

1.57pm

#### 18.1 Consideration

Resolved, That the petition be reported back with the relevant bill.

19. Petition of Wendy Hamer: Wendy's Petition: Victims' Rights When Offender Found Insane

1.57pm

#### 19.1 Consideration

Resolved, That the petition be reported back with the relevant bill.

20. Petition of Laura Griffin: Harsher penalties for animal abuse

1.57pm



# 21. Petition of Diane Hunt: Parole and Sentencing Reform for Murder of Police Officers

1.57pm - 2.00pm



### 22. General business



The committee adjourned.

Signed as a correct record

Chairperson 15 April 2021