

No. 391.—Petition of GEORGE PARKINSON and 5 Others.

PRAYING that the House may be pleased to recommend a certain petition for the remission of sentence on one Alice Parkinson for the Government's favourable consideration.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

7th October, 1915.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report the Public Petitions M to Z Committee desires to record its hearty appreciation of the great care and attention devoted by the Chairman, Mr. Okey, to the business of the Committee, and the able and courteous manner in which his duties have been carried out this session of Parliament; and that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

7th October, 1915.

FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, has during the session held seventeen meetings, the average attendance being 7·5.

The following table shows the disposal of the business which came before the Committee:—

Number of petitions referred to the Committee	...	...	...	135
Number of petitions dealt with	...	...	...	126
Number of reports presented to the House	...	...	...	41
Number referred for favourable consideration	...	...	...	13
Number referred for consideration	...	...	...	23
Number of petitions with no recommendation	...	...	...	89
Number of petitions referred for inquiry	...	...	...	1
Number of petitions held over by request	...	...	...	2
Number of petitions held over, not having been returned from the Department to which they were referred	...	...	...	7

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