

## REPORTS.

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No. 306/1936.—Petition of K. J. B. McCARDLE, of Maramarua.

PRAYING for compensation for loss allegedly sustained owing to the belated publication of a bankruptcy dividend.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.  
20th October, 1937.

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No. 307/1936.—Petition of F. H. W. TRAILL and 137 Others, of Stewart Island.

PRAYING for a license in respect of an accommodation-house at Half-moon Bay, Stewart Island.

I am directed to report that, as a question of policy is involved, in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.  
20th October, 1937.

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No. 3.—Petition of C. E. MILLIGAN, of Auckland.

PRAYING for amendment of the Stamp Duties Act, 1923.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.  
20th October, 1937.

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No. 15.—Petition of ESTHER SAUNDERS and Another, of Auckland.

PRAYING for refund of conveyance duty.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.  
22nd October, 1937.

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No. 11.—Petition of A. F. SHANKS, of Waimate.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of license to operate a passenger-carrying service under the provisions of the Transport Licensing Act, 1931.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration, with a view to the payment of a sum of money equivalent to that which the petitioner paid for the service.

22nd October, 1937.

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No. 4.—Petition of AMY PLATT, of Wellington.

PRAYING that she be granted a gratuity in consideration of her late husband's services with the Public Works Department and Dominion Laboratory.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a view to the petitioner receiving a gratuity of not less than £50 owing to her late husband's long and faithful service to the State.

2nd November, 1937.

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No. 40.—Petition of H. TREWBY, of Wellington.

PRAYING for the abandonment of the tourist industry, and its replacement by efforts to improve the quality of the primary produce of New Zealand.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

2nd November, 1937.

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No. 24.—Petition of J. F. B. SMITH and 266 Others (Taxi-drivers of the City of Auckland).

PRAYING for the appointment of a person experienced in the handling of taxi systems as the transport-licensing authority for the Auckland Metropolitan Area, or, in the event of a corporation being appointed, that adequate representation of local bodies adjacent to the city area be provided for.

I am directed to report that the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

2nd November, 1937.