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**Minister for Home Affairs**  
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Dear Ms Templeman

*Susan*

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 March 2023 enclosing Petition EN4746, with 548 signatures, concerning the banning of imported goods produced by Uyghur forced labour.

The Australian Government's policy on anti-slavery is to appoint an independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner to work with the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) and coordinate work across government and with industry to eliminate modern slavery in Australia and global supply chains.

The Commissioner will publish an annual list of countries, regions, industries, and products with a high risk of modern slavery, including forced labour. Developing a prohibition for the import of forced labour goods is an extensive whole-of-government exercise that begins with the establishment of this list.

The Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, and AGD has the policy lead for this matter, and the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Border Force, will continue to work closely with them on this issue.

Thank you for bringing Petition EN4746 to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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