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Re: The review of Australia policy towards Burma

Dear Kate Ellis

Burma Action Group in South Australia is an organization raising awareness about political situation in Burma. We should like to call your attention to the situation in Burma as well as changes in policy by its neighbouring ASEAN countries.

As you may be aware, the political repressions continued in Burma especially with the detention of opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The spread of HIV/AIDS epidemic in Burma is worst amongst its neighbours. The military junta do not allow the humanitarian organizations to work freely in Burma. Last month, the Global Fund, an international organization that has been working in Burma to alleviate the spread of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria was withdrawn because of government restrictions.

The Association of South East Asian Nations in recent months had been putting pressure on the military junta. We were wondering whether the Australian government will be taking appropriate measures regarding with this matter.

We'll be grateful the Australian Labor Party raise a review of Australia's Burma policy with the government at this parliament. We continue to appreciate the support by ALP and Australians regarding with Burmese people's struggle for democracy.

Yours respectfully

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1. Hon. Kevin Rudd, Spokeperson on Foreign Affairs, The Australian Labor Party.