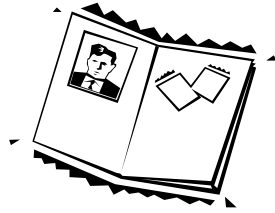


## Senior Division Round 4 Topic: Freedom of Speech Quodlibetical



Geert Wilders is a Dutch national and a Member of the House of Representatives in the Netherlands representing the Party of Freedom.

He is well known for his controversial views and criticism on Islam and Muslims living in the Netherlands. He was banned from visiting the United Kingdom in early 2009 with the UK Home Secretary Jacqui Smith labelling Wilders an “undesirable person”. This decision was overturned in October 2009 by Britain’s Asylum and Immigration Tribunal.

Wilders is planning a visit to Australia to fulfil some speaking engagements.

The Australian Minister for Immigration and Citizenship is considering whether to grant Wilder a visa or not. The Minister may refuse to grant a visa to a person if the person does not satisfy the Minister that she or he passes the character test.

**Topic: “That the Minister for Immigration should grant Wilders a visa.”**

Debaters are welcome and are encouraged to conduct their own research on the issues and person surrounding this topic.

*N.B.: Although Wilders is a real person he has not applied for a visa to visit Australia. This part of the Quodlibetical is fictional.*

# Special Formats of Prepared Debates

## Quodlibetical Topic

There are a number of issues that can't be easily expressed in a one-line topic. Therefore you have been given a fictitious scenario, outlined by a few paragraphs, and a topic that is based on this scenario.

The following should be noted:

1. The first speaker should not attempt to define the topic word for word, but rather should define the issue(s) or dilemma(s) that the topic presents.
2. It is this issue or dilemma that should be debated in an attempt to prove whichever side of the topic, i.e. feel free to debate the particular issue generally, but be sure to link it back to the topic as this is what you want to argue for or against.
3. There is no need for the first speaker to read out the initial paragraphs as the Chairman will do this before announcing the topic, however, any speaker may refer to these paragraphs as part of his/her argument.
4. You are welcome and are encouraged to conduct further research on the issues presented but note that the scenario itself is often fictitious.