

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 40 / 2019 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 40 / 2019

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment tabled in Parliament today. This assessment refers to nine people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. This assessment contains recommendations relating to five cases.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment

1. Tabling statement for case: 1001805-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I have recently considered this person's case under section 195A of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) for the grant of a bridging visa and declined to intervene.

2. Tabling statement for case: 1001941-O1.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The Department is preparing a submission for my consideration of this person's case under section 195A of the Act for the grant of a bridging visa.

3. Tabling statement for case: 1001981-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I am not considering this person under my personal intervention powers at this time. The Department will continue to review their case and if they meet the requirements will refer them to me for my consideration under section 195A of the Act.

4. Tabling statement for case: 1002480-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has previously been considered under section 195A of the Act and was not granted a bridging visa.

The Department is undertaking a fresh assessment of this person against my section 195A guidelines. If they meet the requirements, they will be referred to me for my consideration to grant them a bridging visa.

5. Tabling statement for case: 1003076-O.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I have recently considered this person's case under section 195A of the Act and intervened to grant them a bridging visa. They are now residing in the community.

6. Tabling statement for cases: 1001285-O3, 1003075-O, 1003085-O and 1003096-O.

I note that the Ombudsman has made no recommendations in relation to these cases.

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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