

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENTS MADE UNDER SECTION 486O  
OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT – No. 14 / 2016**

*General Comments*

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament today. The 45 assessments refer to 80 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. Of these, 17 assessments pertaining to 43 detainees contained recommendations.

*Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments*

**1. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002223**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has been referred to me for my consideration under section 195A of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) for the grant of a Bridging E visa.

**2. Tabling statement for assessment: 1003205**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The Department is currently preparing a submission for my consideration under section 195A of the Act for the grant of a Bridging E visa.

**3. Tabling statement for assessments: 1003227, 1003255 and 1003302**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

**4. Tabling statement for assessments: 1003021**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been invited to apply for a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa. These people are currently residing in the community.

**5. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002656, 1002873, 1003248 and 1003355**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been invited to apply for a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

**6. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002681**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow this person to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. This person has lodged an application for a Safe Haven Enterprise visa.

**7. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002379, 1003253, 1003328, 1003339 and 1003322**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have lodged an application for a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

**8. Tabling statement for assessment: 1003234**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. These people have been granted Temporary Protection visas and currently residing lawfully in the community.

**9. Tabling statement for assessments: 1001665-O, 1001801-O, 1002234-O, 1002237-O, 1002298-O, 1002350, 1002367-O, 1002392, 1002450, 1002454, 1002471, 1002492, 1002600, 1002675, 1002811, 1002976, 1002992, 1003055, 1003204, 1003235, 1003314, 1003351, 1003353, 1003359, 1003382, 1003401, 1003429 and 1003464.**

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

(Original signed by Peter Dutton)

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