

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 6 / 2019 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 6 / 2019

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment tabled in Parliament today. This assessment refers to 20 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. This assessment contains recommendations relating to two cases.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment

1. Tabling statement for case: 1001666-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person's removal from Australia is planned for 7 August 2019.

2. Tabling statement for case: 1002868-O1.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person's placement has been reviewed. A transfer to a facility closer to their support network is not possible at this time due to capacity issues.

This person is able to communicate with relatives through emails, letters, phone calls and skype.

3. Tabling statement for cases: 1001254-O2, 1001675-O4, 1002348-O2, 1002504-O2, 1002520-O3, 1002526-O3, 1002538-O3, 1002544-O2, 1002570-O2, 1002588-O2, 1002747-O1, 1002809-O2, 1002811-O2, 1002871-O1, 1002985-O, 1002988-O, 1003004-O, 1003007-O.

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

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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