

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 10 / 2019 MADE UNDER  
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 10 / 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 a recommendation relating to one case.

*Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment*

**1. Tabling statement for case: 1000373-O3.**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person is of interest to the External Agency. It is the Government's policy position that individuals subject to unresolved national security concerns should be held in immigration detention.

The Department is exploring options with the External Agency to expedite consideration of this individual's security concerns. Subject to resolution of these matters, the Department will review this individual's case and if appropriate, prepare a submission for me to consider under my personal intervention powers.

**2. Tabling statement for cases: 1001534-O3, 1001581-O2, 1001697-O3, 1001712-O2, 1001921-O2, 1002057-O1, 1002212-O3, 1002534-O2, 1002578-O2, 1002643-O2, 1002660-O2, 1002676-O2, 1002795-O1, 1002918-O1, 1002971-O, 1002989-O, 1002995-O, 1003026-O and 2000011-O2.**

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

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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