

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 27/2019 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 27/2019

General Comments

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

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment

1. Tabling statement for case: 1001113-O3

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person is on an involuntary removal pathway. The relevant Government is currently unwilling to issue travel documents to involuntary removals from Australia. The Department continues to engage with the relevant government to obtain a travel document for this person.

2. Tabling statement for case: 1002850-O1

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

3. Tabling statement for case: 1003049-O

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has a significant incident history in detention relating to abusive and aggressive behaviour, involvement with contraband and assault.

The Department has regularly reviewed and varied this person's placement to mitigate risks to their personal safety and to ensure the ongoing good order of the detention network.

To mitigate risks relating to this person's safety and address their continued association with high-risk detainees, this person was recently transferred to a different detention facility where their health, welfare and security are being monitored.

4. Tabling statement for cases: 1001123-O2, 1001247-O2, 1002619-O2, 1002626-O2, 1002825-O1, 1002851-O1 and 1002937-O

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

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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