

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 2 / 2020 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 2 / 2020

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 one case.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments

1. Tabling statement for case: 1002655-O2.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person was previously located at the proposed facility. During that time, the person demonstrated persistent behavioural concerns and was a significant destabilising influence within the facility. A decision was taken to transfer this person from the proposed facility to ensure the safety of other persons and to maintain the good order of that facility.

This person's placement has been carefully reviewed taking into account their family and support networks, their behavioural concerns and health and welfare needs as well as capacity issues across the detention network. The Department has determined a transfer is not appropriate at this time.

The Department will regularly review this person's placement and carefully consider any further requests they make for a transfer closer to their family.

This person is able to communicate with family via emails, letters, phone calls and skype.

**2. Tabling statement for cases: 1000757-O, 1001301-O1, 1001332-O4,
1002892-O1, 1002901-O1, 1002994-O1, 1002996-O1, 1003105-O and 1003108-O.**

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

(Original signed by Alan Tudge)

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