

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

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT – No. 12 / 2016**

*General Comments*

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament today. The 40 assessments refer to 76 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. Of these, 4 assessments pertaining to 4 detainees contained recommendations.

*Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments*

**1. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002253-O.**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has been granted a Bridging E visa and is currently residing lawfully in the community.

**2. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002396.**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person's placement has been reviewed by the appropriate stakeholders and at this time the department considers their placement appropriate.

**3. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002680.**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has an adverse security assessment and will remain in held detention, rather than live in the community, until such time that a durable solution for individuals with adverse security assessments is found.

**4. Tabling statement for assessments: 1003178.**

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. 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's placement has been reviewed by the appropriate stakeholders and at this time the department considers their placement appropriate.

**5. Tabling statement for assessments: 1001653-O, 1002193, 1002200-O, 1002201-O, 1002235, 1002304, 1002413, 1002494, 1002812, 1002844, 1002845, 1002846, 1002998, 1003028, 1003036, 1003037, 1003048, 1003054, 1003062, 1003077, 1003079, 1003082, 1003089, 1003115, 1003117, 1003118, 1003200, 1003230, 1003274, 1003285, 1003286, 1003334, 1003418, 1003437, 1003470, 1003510.**

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

(original signed by Peter Dutton)

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