

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

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT – No. 17 / 2016

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament today. The 50 assessments refer to 83 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. Of these, 19 assessments pertaining to 49 detainees contained recommendations.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments

1. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002724.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department is preparing a submission for my consideration to intervene under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

2. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002779, 1002928, 1003236, 1003360.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

3. Tabling statement for assessments: 1003084, 1003090, 1003240, 1003296.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have been invited to apply for a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

4. Tabling statement for assessments: 1002354, 1003106, 1003320, 1003129, 1003254, 1003300, 1003331, 1003332, 1003410.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. I have intervened under section 46A of the Act to lift the bar to allow these people to lodge a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa application. These people have lodged an application for a Temporary Protection visa or a Safe Haven Enterprise visa. These people have been granted Bridging E visas and are currently residing lawfully in the community.

5. Tabling statement for assessment: 1003292.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. These people have been granted Temporary Protection visas and currently residing lawfully in the community.

6. Tabling statement for assessments: 1000714-O, 1000840-O, 1000979-O, 1001232-O, 1001288-O, 1001688-O, 1001972-O, 1002233, 1002282-O, 1002283-O, 1002286-O, 1002288-O, 1002289-O, 1002290-O, 1002291-O, 1002292-O, 1002299-O, 1002300-O, 1002301-O, 1002307-O, 1002338-O, 1002401-O, 1002467, 1002674, 1003231, 1003391, 1003442, 1003444, 1003462, 1003483, 1003484

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

(Original signed by Peter Dutton)

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