

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 16 / 2019 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 16 / 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 recommendations relating to four cases.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment

1. Tabling statement for case: 1001062-O2.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The former Assistant Minister indicated that this person's case should not be referred for consideration under the personal intervention powers of the Act. This person's case will continue to be regularly reviewed by the Department.

2. Tabling statement for cases: 1001728-O3 and 1001856-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. The Department recently provided me submissions in relation to these cases for my consideration under section 195A of the Act. These matters are under consideration.

3. Tabling statement for case: 1001953-O3.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendations. The Department is preparing a submission, in relation to this case, for my consideration under section 195A of the Act.

13. Tabling statement for cases: 1000936-O, 1001341-O, 1002559-O2, 1002642-O2, 1002656-O2, 1002657-O2, 1002661-O2, 1002672-O2, 1002705-O1, 1002900-O1, 1002941-O, 1002962-O, 1002987-O, 1002994-O, 1002998-O, 1003006-O.

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

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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