

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S ASSESSMENT NO. 42/2019 MADE UNDER
SECTION 486O OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 42/2019

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessment tabled in Parliament today. This assessment refers to 14 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. This assessment contains a recommendation relating to one case.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments

1. Tabling statement for case: 1003093-O

In light of the Ombudsman recommendation, the Department recently sought this person's views on a transfer and was advised they no longer wish to transfer to a facility in Melbourne to be closer to their family and support network. This person continues to have email, phone and skype access to their family and support networks.

**2. Tabling statement for cases: 1001472-O3, 1001675-O5, 1001728-O4,
1001736-O4, 1001847-O4, 1002373-O5, 1002788-O3, 1002983-O1, 1002989-O1**

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

(Original signed by David Coleman)

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