

**RESPONSE TO OMBUDSMAN'S STATEMENT MADE
UNDER SECTION 4860 OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958*
- STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT -**

General Comments

I note the 154 Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament on 13 February 2008 and take this opportunity to express my serious concern that so many detention cases have taken so long to resolve.

I note that 12 of the individuals referred to in Commonwealth Ombudsman's statement remain in immigration detention. I note that an additional 61 people currently in immigration detention have been detained for longer than two years.

I have requested advice from my department as to how these current long term detention cases may be resolved quickly, and options and mechanisms for a strategic approach to reducing both the number of people in detention and the time that people spend in detention.

Statement 221/07

This person was granted a Removal Pending Bridging visa on 27 July 2005.

Statement 222/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 223/07

This person was returned to their home country in August 2007.

Statement 224/07

This person was returned to their home country in September 2007.

Statement 225/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 226/07

This person was granted a Bridging visa on 31 July 2006. This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 227/07

This person was returned to their home country in September 2007.

Statement 228/07

This person was granted a Removal Pending Bridging visa on 2 July 2007.

Statement 229/07

This person was granted a Removal Pending Bridging visa on 2 July 2007.

Statement 230/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department. My Department is continuing to actively pursue an immigration outcome for this person. This person's placement in immigration detention is being reviewed.

Statement 231/07

This person was returned to their home country in September 2007.

Statement 232/07

This person was granted a Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa on 9 August 2007.

Statement 233/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department. This person's placement in immigration detention is regularly reviewed and is appropriate at this time.

Statement 234/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 235/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 236/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 5 October 2005.

Statement 237/07

This person was granted a Bridging visa on 17 December 2007.

Statement 238/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 239/07

This person was granted a temporary Business Long Stay visa on 24 August 2007.

Statement 240/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 241/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 29 November 2007.

Statement 242/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 21 November 2007.

Statement 243/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 29 November 2007.

Statement 244/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 28 July 2005.

Statement 245/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 28 July 2005.

Statement 246/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 5 December 2007.

Statement 247/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 19 July 2007.

Statement 248/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 5 April 2007.

Statement 249/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 11 April 2007.

Statement 250/07

This person was granted a permanent Employer Nomination Scheme visa on 27 July 2007.

Statement 251/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 21 August 2007.

Statement 252/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 3 July 2007.

Statement 253/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 25 July 2007.

Statement 254/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 3 October 2006.

Statement 255/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 13 October 2005.

Statement 256/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 13 September 2007.

Statement 257/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 31 January 2006.

Statement 258/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 5 December 2007.

Statement 259/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 5 December 2007.

Statement 260/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 2 March 2007.

Statement 261/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 20 June 2007.

Statement 262/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 23 September 2005.

Statement 263/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 10 July 2007.

Statement 264/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 25 July 2007.

Statement 265/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 3 July 2007.

Statement 266/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 22 May 2007.

Statement 267/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 7 September 2006.

Statement 268/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 4 July 2005.

Statement 269/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 4 July 2005.

Statement 270/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 9 August 2005.

Statement 271/07

This person was returned to their home country in July 2007.

Statement 272/07

This person was granted a Temporary Spouse visa on 13 September 2007.

Statement 273/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 1 August 2005.

Statement 274/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 5 October 2005.

Statement 275/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 29 June 2007.

Statement 276/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 6 July 2005.

Statement 277/07

This person was granted a Removal Pending Bridging visa on 23 August 2005 and has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 278/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 279/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 17 May 2007.

Statement 280/07

These people were granted permanent Global Special Humanitarian visas on 24 May 2007.

Statement 281/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 30 May 2007.

Statement 282/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 29 May 2007.

Statement 283/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 21 May 2007.

Statement 284/07

This person was returned to their home country in April 2007.

Statement 285/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 16 November 2006.

Statement 286/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 26 June 2007.

Statement 287/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 24 May 2007.

Statement 288/07

This person was released from immigration detention on a Bridging visa on 30 March 2007.

Statement 289/07

This person was granted a permanent Five Year Resident Return visa on 23 November 2006.

Statement 290/07

This person was released from immigration detention on 13 March 2007 as the holder of a permanent residence visa.

Statement 291/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 9 August 2007.

Statement 292/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 6 March 2006.

Statement 293/07

This person's permanent Five Year Resident Return visa was re-instated on 3 February 2006.

Statement 294/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 4 November 2005.

Statement 295/07

This person was granted a permanent Five Year Resident Return visa on 15 June 2007.

Statement 296/07

This person was granted a permanent Five Year Resident Return visa on 28 November 2006.

Statement 297/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 1 November 2005.

Statement 298/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 24 July 2007.

Statement 299/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 24 March 2006.

Statement 300/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 22 March 2006.

Statement 301/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 24 February 2006.

Statement 302/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 29 June 2006.

Statement 303/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 19 July 2007.

Statement 304/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 10 October 2006.

Statement 305/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 12 July 2007.

Statement 306/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 4 July 2007.

Statement 307/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 2 August 2005.

Statement 308/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 28 April 2006.

Statement 309/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 11 August 2006.

Statement 310/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 24 August 2006.

Statement 311/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 30 May 2007.

Statement 312/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 27 September 2007.

Statement 313/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 9 July 2007.

Statement 314/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 9 November 2006.

Statement 315/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 9 May 2006.

Statement 316/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 30 May 2007.

Statement 317/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 21 November 2007.

Statement 318/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 20 July 2007.

Statement 319/07

This person was granted a Temporary Spouse visa on 8 December 2005.

Statement 320/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 6 July 2005.

Statement 321/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 21 July 2005.

Statement 322/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 2 July 2007.

Statement 323/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 23 April 2007.

Statement 324/07

This family were granted Temporary Protection visas; the first on 18 November 2005 and the remainder on 18 May 2006.

Statement 325/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 30 April 2007.

Statement 326/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 29 September 2006.

Statement 327/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 4 October 2006.

Statement 328/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 27 August 2007.

Statement 329/07

This person was granted a Global Special Humanitarian visa on 30 May 2007.

Statement 330/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 5 September 2007.

Statement 331/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 332/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 30 October 2007.

Statement 333/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 334/07

This person was granted a permanent Child Residence visa on 29 August 2005.
This person is now an Australian citizen.

Statement 335/07

This person has a Ministerial Intervention request before my Department.

Statement 336/07

This person was granted a permanent Global Special Humanitarian visa on 10 January 2008.

Statement 337/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 28 August 2007.

Statement 338/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 4 September 2007.

Statement 339/07

This family were granted Permanent Protection visas on 23 October 2006.

Statement 340/07

This family were granted Temporary Protection visas on 10 August 2006.

Statement 341/07

These people were granted permanent Global Special Humanitarian visas on 25 October 2007.

Statement 342/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 25 September 2006.

Statement 343/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 4 May 2007.

Statement 344/07

This person was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 14 May 2007.

Statement 345/07

These people were granted Temporary Protection visas on 26 June 2006.

Statement 346/07

This person was granted a Permanent Protection visa on 21 September 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Evans', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris Evans
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Dated: 12/02/08