

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

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 08 / 2018

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament today. The 30 assessments refer to 34 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. Of these, three assessments relate to three detainees contained recommendations.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments

1. Tabling statement for assessment: 1001170-O1

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department is currently reviewing its policy for the assessment of cases such as this, where federal courts have remitted to the department, negative decisions following non statutory protection processes.

2. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002418-O1

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department's health services provider has confirmed that this person no longer requires an appointment with a gastroenterologist.

3. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002676-O

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department's health services provider has confirmed that this person's specific medical needs are being met appropriately at his current detention placement.

4. Tabling statement for assessment: 1000653-O1, 1000675-O1, 1000742-O2, 1001254-O1, 1001283-O1, 1001339-O1, 1001647-O1, 1001759-O1, 1001903-O1, 1001952-O1, 1002300-O2, 1002389-O1, 1002405-O1, 1002406-O2, 1002419-O1, 1002624-O, 1002638-O, 1002649-O, 1002674-O, 1002681-O, 1002685-O, 1002687-O, 1002701-O, 1002768-O, 2000001-O, 2000002-O, 2000007-O.

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

(Original signed by Peter Dutton)

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