

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

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT - No. 19 / 2018

General Comments

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments tabled in Parliament today. The 48 assessments refer to 80 people who have been in immigration detention for two or more years. Of these, four assessments pertaining to four detainees contained recommendations.

Response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's assessments

1. Tabling statement for assessment: 1000516-O2.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. This person has recently been found not to meet the guidelines against section 195A of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) for referral to me for the grant of a Bridging E visa.

2. Tabling statement for assessment: 1001247-O1.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department will assess this person's case for a possible Tier 4 placement (specialised detention) which is intended to accommodate individuals with complex health requirements or those who pose a significant security risk and cannot be effectively managed under existing high security detention arrangements.

3. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002555-O1.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. I have intervened under s195A of the Act and granted this person a Bridging E visa.

4. Tabling statement for assessment: 1002801-O.

I note the Ombudsman's recommendation. The department has reviewed this person's placement and found that a transfer to a less restrictive facility is not appropriate at this time.

5. Tabling statement for assessments: 1000230-O, 1000557-O1, 1000857-O2, 1000934-O2, 1001037-O2, 1001062-O1, 1001286-O1, 1001444-O2, 1001618-O2, 1001820-O2, 1002212-O2, 1002229-O2, 1002274-O2, 1002339-O2, 1002343-O2, 1002351-O2, 1002463-O1, 1002484-O1, 1002494-O1, 1002495-O1, 1002497-O1, 1002500-O1, 1002510-O1, 1002538-O1, 1002558-O1, 1002559-O1, 1002561-O1, 1002578-O1, 1002581-O1, 1002747-O, 1002757-O, 1002793-O, 1002796-O, 1002808-O, 1002812-O, 1002814-O, 1002820-O, 1002821-O, 1002823-O, 1002824-O, 1002827-O, 1002830-O, 1002838-O, 1002852-O.

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

(Original signed by Peter Dutton)

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