

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

**- STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT -**

General Comments

I refer to the 13 Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements tabled in Parliament on 21 March 2007.

Statement 113/06

This client was returned to their home country in February 2007.

Statement 114/06

I can advise that all submissions referred to my predecessor have been decided upon in relation to this person. My Department is pursuing removal arrangements and will consider Bridging visa and detention placement options in this context.

Statement 115/06

This client has not been granted a Bridging visa but has been relocated to the Residential Housing Centre and this client's circumstance is currently being assessed by my Department in relation to possible Ministerial Intervention under section 195A. The Department's review into this client's section 501 cancellation has been completed and a report is being drafted for the Commonwealth Ombudsman. The Department is continuing to seek a travel document to effect this client's removal.

Statement 116/06

This client was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 8 July 2005 and is residing lawfully in the community. I have asked my Department to provide me with a submission regarding early access to a Permanent Protection visa for this client.

Statement 117/06

This client is currently residing in the community as the holder of a Removal Pending Bridging visa. My predecessor intervened in December 2006 to allow the client to lodge a new Protection visa application. The client's application is currently being assessed by my Department.

As the holder of a Removal Pending Bridging visa this client has full access to a range of community services including Medicare and Centrelink.

Statement 118/06

This client was released from immigration detention following the grant of a Bridging visa in February 2007. I can advise that all submissions referred to my predecessor have been decided upon in relation to this person and as a result this client has lodged a new Protection visa application which is currently being assessed by my Department.

Statement 119/07

This client was released from immigration detention following the grant of a Bridging visa in June 2006.

Statement 120/07

This client is currently residing in the community as the holder of a Removal Pending Bridging visa. As the holder of a Removal Pending Bridging visa this client has full access to a range of community services including Medicare and Centrelink.

Statement 121/07

I can advise that all submissions referred to my predecessor have been decided upon in relation to this client and a further intervention request is being assessed by my Department. My Department is continuing to investigate this client's identity and the option of returning this client to Taiwan.

Statement 122/07

This client is currently receiving in-patient treatment. The Commonwealth Ombudsman recommends that this client not be returned to an immigration detention facility unless clear medical advice indicates that their mental health is stable and will not deteriorate. If clinical advice determines that this client should not be returned to a detention centre on discharge from hospital, my Department will act on that recommendation and consider alternative detention arrangements.

In February 2007 I intervened in this client's case under section 48B to allow this client to lodge a further Protection visa application. This client's circumstance is currently being assessed by my Department in relation to possible Ministerial Intervention under section 195A.

Statement 123/07


My Department is seeking to remove this client however there is a section 48B request currently being assessed by my Department. If this request is unsuccessful my Department will continue to pursue removal.

Statement 124/07

This client was granted a Temporary Protection visa on 12 October 2005 and is residing lawfully in the community. I have asked my Department to provide me with a submission regarding early access to a Permanent Protection visa for this client.

Statement 125/07

This client was granted a Bridging visa E in February 2007 and resides lawfully in the community.

  
Hon Kevin Andrews MP  
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Dated:

20.3.07