

REPORT FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

Personal identifier: 447/08

This is the third s 486O report by the Ombudsman on Mr X as he had remained in immigration detention following the Ombudsman's second report. The Ombudsman's first report (235/07) was sent to the Minister on 15 October 2007 and tabled in Parliament on 13 February 2007. The Ombudsman's second report (394/08) was sent to the Minister on 4 April 2008 and has not yet been tabled in Parliament. This report updates the material in those reports and should be read in conjunction with them.

Case overview

1. Mr X was granted a Global Special Humanitarian Visa (GSHV) on 17 April 2008.

Ombudsman consideration

2. The Department's (DIAC) further report to the Ombudsman under s 486N of the *Migration Act 1958* is dated 26 March 2008.
3. Ombudsman staff spoke to Mr X by telephone on 29 April 2008.
4. Ombudsman staff sighted a medical summary report from International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) dated March 2008.


Key issues

Health and welfare

5. The IHMS report stated that a review by a community based psychiatrist on 9 January 2008 confirmed previous diagnoses by IHMS and Professional Support Services that Mr Pathan had an adjustment disorder with depression and some symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. IHMS advised that since Mr X's transfer to Toowong Private Hospital on 21 January 2008, his condition *'is much improved'*, and that Mr X would be assisted with support in the community following his release.
6. Mr X told Ombudsman staff that he is having regular counselling and is getting *'better and better every day'*. He is now able to leave the house with his advocate, is *'thinking positive'* and starting to see some *'good things'* for the future.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

7. The Ombudsman notes that Mr X is now the holder of a GSHV and makes no recommendations in this report.


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Dr Vivienne Thom
Acting Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman

15 July 2008
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Date