

**REPORT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND
IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the second s 486O report on Ms X and her sister who remained in immigration detention for more than 36 months (three years).

The first report 1002739 was tabled in Parliament on 21 October 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Ms X (and sister)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1973
Ombudsman ID	1001538-O
Date of DIBP's report	30 October 2015

Recent detention history

19 April 2016	Ms X and her sister Ms Y were granted Bridging visas and released from community detention.
The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that Ms Y is the primary carer for her sister, who is confined to a wheelchair.	

Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to ministerial intervention, Ms X and her sister were part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and were subject to the bar under s 46A of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> .	
26 May 2015	The Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Ms X and her sister to lodge a temporary visa application.
28 August 2015	The sisters were assigned a Primary Application Information Service provider.

Health and welfare

Ms X was provided with treatment for physical health issues including spinal disc bulges and a wrist injury and treatment and counselling for a range of mental health issues including a history of torture and trauma, stress and anxiety.

DIBP advised that Ms X had a significant history of self-harm.

Ms Y was provided with treatment for a range of physical health issues including the severe disabilities of cerebral palsy and congenital hip dysplasia and she received treatment for a pulmonary embolism and treatment and counselling for a history of torture and trauma, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

DIBP advised that Ms Y had a significant history of suicide attempts and self-harm.

Case status

Ms X and her sister were granted Bridging visas on 19 April 2016 and released from immigration detention.