

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 Mr X and Ms Y who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001935 was tabled in Parliament on 18 March 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Mr X (and wife)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1984
Ombudsman ID	1003253
Date of DIBP's report	21 April 2015

Detention history

14 October 2012	Mr X and Ms Y were detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 481 <i>Kallista</i> .
20 May 2015	Granted Bridging visas and released from community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Mr X and Ms Y were part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A.

Health and welfare

Mr X and Ms Y did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues since the Ombudsman's previous report.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Mr X and Ms Y were granted Bridging visas on 20 May 2015 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Mr X and Ms Y were held in detention for over two and a half years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of the family's claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.