

ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the third s 486O assessment on Mr X, Ms Y and their children who have remained in detention for more than 48 months (four years).

The first assessment 1002617 was tabled in Parliament on 14 September 2015 and the second assessment 1001444-O was tabled in Parliament on 15 February 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

Name	Mr X (and family)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1962

Family details

Family members	Ms Y (wife)	Miss Z (daughter)	Master P (son)
Citizenship	Country A	Country A	Country A
Year of birth	1968	2007	2010

Ombudsman ID	1001444-O1
Date of DIBP's reviews	1 December 2016 and 1 June 2017
Total days in detention	1,458 (at date of DIBP's latest review)

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous assessment (1001444-O), the family has remained in community detention.
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Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that processing of the family's Temporary Protection visa (TPV) application remained ongoing.	
1 June 2017	The department advised that Mr X remained a person of interest to an external agency and attended an interview with the external agency on 17 January 2017.

Health and welfare

Mr X

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X was reviewed by an ophthalmologist in early 2016 and remained on a hospital waiting list for eye surgery. IHMS further advised that Mr X was provided with treatment for a stomach bacterial infection and high cholesterol.
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Ms Y

IHMS advised that Ms Y has a history of anxiety and depression. She was referred for psychological counselling on 9 September 2016 and her mental health continued to be monitored by a general practitioner (GP).

Miss Z

IHMS advised that Miss Z was provided with treatment for a vitamin deficiency and underwent investigative testing after reporting ongoing back pain.

Master P

IHMS advised that Master P was reviewed by a GP on 12 July 2016 following ongoing bedwetting. The GP advised that his condition did not appear to be caused by school or family stressors and he was referred to a specialist clinic.

IHMS further advised that Master P remained on a waiting list for review by an ear, nose and throat specialist.

Other matters

The department advised that Mr X and Ms Y's five adult children and nephew reside in the community on bridging visas.

Case status

Mr X, Ms Y and their children were detained on 4 June 2013 after arriving in Australia by sea and have been held in detention for more than four years.

The department advised that processing of the family's TPV application remained ongoing.