

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

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the first s 486O report on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A, of B ethnicity
Year of birth	1953
Ombudsman ID	1002254-O
Date of DIBP's report	8 December 2015 and 7 June 2016

Detention history

8 December 2013	Mr X was detained under s 189(1) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after living unlawfully in the community.
11 July 2016	Granted a Bridging visa and released from community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

15 February 2001	Mr X arrived in Australia on a one-month Tourist visa.
14 March 2001 – 21 March 2003	He lodged an unsuccessful application for protection and was granted multiple Bridging visas while he pursued merits review.
16 December 2002	After exhausting relevant tribunal appeal and judicial review processes he was found not to be owed protection.
21 March 2003 – 12 May 2003	He remained in the community unlawfully until he was granted a Bridging visa in association to his request for ministerial intervention.
8 July 2004 – 8 December 2013	He remained in the community unlawfully until he was located by New South Wales Police following a domestic dispute with his sister and was re-detained.
17 April 2014	Mr X requested voluntary removal to Country B.
2 March 2016	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised it escalated Mr X's removal case to the Country B Consul General.

Health and welfare

Mr X was provided with treatment for cataracts and high blood pressure. He was also provided with treatment and counselling for a history of torture and trauma, depression, anxiety and stress.
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Other matters

DIBP advised that Mr X's wife, a Country B national, and adult son reside in Country B.

Case status

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 11 July 2016 and released from immigration detention. At the time of DIBP's review he was awaiting voluntary removal to return to Country B.
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