

REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the fourth s 486O report on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 54 months (four and a half years).

The first report 1456/13 was tabled in Parliament on 13 November 2013, the second report 1001259 was tabled in Parliament on 27 August 2014 and the third report 1001635 was tabled in Parliament on 18 March 2015. This report updates the material in those reports and should be read in conjunction with the previous reports.

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1991
Ombudsman ID	1002733
Date of DIBP's reports	18 June 2015 and 15 December 2015
Total days in detention	1641 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001635), Mr X remained at Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).	
14 December 2015	Transferred to Villawood IDC.
January 2016	Mr X was released from detention when he voluntarily departed Australia and returned to Country A.

Recent visa applications/case progression

3 March 2015	Mr X's case was referred on a ministerial submission for consideration under s 195A of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> for the grant of a Bridging visa and to allow Mr X to apply for an onshore Partner visa. On 26 March 2015 the Minister declined to intervene.
3 June 2015	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) finalised an International Treaty Obligations Assessment, determining Mr X's case did not engage Australia's <i>non-refoulement</i> obligations.
14 October 2015	Mr X requested voluntary removal to Country A and attended an interview on 19 October 2015.
15 December 2015	DIBP advised that an application for a travel document was lodged with the Country A embassy.
January 2016	Mr X voluntarily departed Australia.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services advised that Mr X was prescribed with medication and received counselling after presenting with low mood and sleeping issues. He was regularly reviewed by the mental health team.
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Other matters

Mr X's daughter, Miss Y, resides in the Australian community with her mother.

Information provided by Mr X

Mr X was offered the opportunity to discuss his detention circumstances with Ombudsman staff but declined to do so.

Case status

Mr X voluntarily departed Australia in January 2016 and returned to Country A.