

**ASSESSMENT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN
FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

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

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1997
Ombudsman ID	1002592-O
Date of DIBP's reports	3 February 2017 and 3 August 2017
Total days in detention	912 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

Detention history

20 October 2013	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia by sea as an unaccompanied minor aged 16.
4 April 2014	Transferred to Nauru Regional Processing Centre (RPC) and subsequently returned to Australia on 19 July 2015 as a transitory person under s 198B. On the same day, he was detained under s 189(1).
19 July 2015	Placed in the community. ¹
28 August 2017	Granted a Final Departure Bridging visa and released from immigration detention.

Visa applications/case progression

<p>Mr X arrived in Australia by sea after 19 July 2013 and was transferred to an RPC. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) has advised that Mr X is barred under ss 46A and 46B from lodging a valid protection visa application in Australia as a result of his method of arrival and transfer to an RPC.</p> <p>Mr X was returned to Australia from an RPC on 19 July 2015 at the request of Nauru as it was proposed that it was in Mr X's best interests to be reunited with his family members.</p>	
19 July 2015	The Minister intervened under s 197AB to grant Mr X a community placement to reside with his aunt, an Australian permanent resident.

Health and welfare

<p>International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X underwent medication therapy for the treatment of tuberculosis. IHMS also advised that Mr X engaged with specialist counselling and the mental health team for the management of a history of torture and trauma, major depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. He reported experiencing nightmares and insomnia related to his experiences in Country A and was prescribed with medication. Following his placement in community detention, Mr X's mental health continued to be monitored with no concerns reported.</p>	
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¹ Mr X was granted a placement in the community under s 197AB and remained in immigration detention.

Case status

Mr X was granted a Final Departure Bridging visa on 28 August 2017 and was released from immigration detention.