

## REPORT 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 who remained in restricted immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1003211 was tabled in Parliament on 2 March 2016. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1987
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1001961-O
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	11 February 2016
<b>Total days in detention</b>	914 (at date of DIBP's report)

### Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1003211), Mr X remained at Wickham Point Alternative Place of Detention (APOD).	
9 June 2016	Granted a Bridging visa and released from detention.

### Recent visa applications/case progression

14 October 2015	The Minister declined to intervene under s 195A of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> to grant Mr X a Bridging visa.
6 November 2015	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) invited Mr X to lodge a temporary visa application.
18 November 2015	Mr X requested an extension to lodge his application.
14 December 2015	DIBP granted Mr X a 30 day extension.
9 June 2016	Granted a Bridging visa.

### Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services advised that Mr X did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.
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### Information provided by Mr X

During an interview with Ombudsman staff at Wickham Point APOD on 19 April 2016 Mr X advised that he had received assistance to complete his temporary visa application and that while DIBP had assigned him a lawyer he had not yet met the lawyer.

Mr X said that information about the visa application process was 'very scattered' and he found it difficult to fully understand the process. However, he did not want to make any complaints or ask any questions because he did not want to be seen as a troublemaker.

He said he regularly sees the mental health team and has also seen a psychologist. He said the general practitioner prescribed him with antidepressants two weeks ago but he declined to take the prescription.

### Case status

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 9 June 2016 and released from immigration detention.

Mr X was detained on 9 August 2013 after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel *Ivatee* and was held in restricted detention for over two and a half years before being granted a Bridging visa.

On 29 September 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Mr X to apply for a temporary visa and on 6 November 2015 DIBP invited Mr X to apply.