

**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 Ms X and her daughters who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Ms X (and daughters)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1987
Ombudsman ID	1003098
Date of DIBP's report	24 April 2015

Detention history

18 April 2013	Ms X and her two daughters were detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 664 <i>Newark</i> . Ms X arrived with her husband, Mr Y, who is the subject of a separate Ombudsman report.
18 June 2015	Ms X and her daughters were granted Bridging visas and released from community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Ms X and her daughters were part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A.

Health and welfare

DIBP did not provide an International Health and Medical Services Health Summary Report for the family.

Other matters

Mr Y was involved in an alleged incident of domestic violence against Ms X on 24 November 2013. He was charged with assault and served with an intervention order which ceased on 3 December 2015.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Ms X and her daughters were granted Bridging visas on 18 June 2015 and released from immigration detention.

In the absence of any health and welfare information provided by DIBP the Ombudsman is unable to assess the adequacy of health care provided to Ms X and her daughters while they were in immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Ms X and her daughters were held in detention for over two years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of their claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.