

REPORT 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 Master X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A, (born to parents ¹ in immigration detention)
Year of birth	2013
Ombudsman ID	1002868
Date of DIBP's report	8 July 2015
Total days in detention	741 (at date of DIBP's report)

Detention history

27 June 2013	Detained under s 189(1) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> . The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that Master X resided with his parents in community detention.
30 July 2015	Granted a Bridging visa with an associated Temporary Humanitarian Stay (THS) visa and released from detention.

Visa applications/case progression

DIBP advised that prior to being released from detention, Master X and his family 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(2).	
12 May 2015	The Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X's father, Mr Y, to lodge a temporary visa application for his family.
30 July 2015	Granted a Bridging visa with an associated THS visa.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services advised that Master X has not required treatment for any major physical or mental health issues.
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Ombudsman assessment

<p>Master X and his family were granted Bridging visas with associated THS visas on 30 July 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that two-year-old Master X, who was detained on 27 June 2013 after his birth in immigration detention, was held in detention for over two years before being granted a Bridging visa.</p> <p>The Ombudsman further notes that on 12 May 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X's father, Mr Y, to lodge a temporary visa application for his family. The Ombudsman makes no recommendations in this report.</p>
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¹ Master X's parents, Mr Y and Ms Z, are the subjects of Ombudsman report 1002904.