

## 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 Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1996
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1002808
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	19 December 2014
<b>Total days in detention</b>	Not provided

### Detention history

19 December 2012	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 15 aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 567 <i>Tornax</i> .
11 March 2015	Granted a Bridging visa 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, Mr X was 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.	
11 March 2015	Granted a Bridging visa.

### Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X did not require treatment for any mental health issues.	
4 November 2013	IHMS advised that Mr X was identified as a tuberculosis contact. A chest x-ray identified no abnormalities and he was monitored as per state policy.

### Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

<p>Mr X was granted Bridging visa on 11 March 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that Mr X was detained on 19 December 2012 after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 15, and was held in detention for over two years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of Mr X's claims for protection had not commenced.</p> <p>The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of Mr X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.</p>	
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