

**REPORT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND  
IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

*Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958*

This is the third s 486O report on Ms X and her son<sup>1</sup> who remained in immigration detention for more than 36 months (three years).

The first report 1001861 was tabled in Parliament on 11 February 2015 and the second report 1002299 was tabled in Parliament on 9 September 2015. This report updates the material in those reports and should be read in conjunction with the previous reports.

<b>Name</b>	Ms X (and son)
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1984
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1003368
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	21 August 2015

**Recent detention history**

26 November 2016	Ms X and her son were granted Bridging visas and released from community detention.
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**Recent visa applications/case progression**

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Ms X and her son 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 of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> .
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**Health and welfare**

Ms X and her son did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues.
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**Other matters**

2 April 2015	DIBP advised that after a relationship breakdown Miss Y no longer resided with her mother and brother and remains under the care of the New South Wales Department of Family and Community Services.
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**Ombudsman assessment/recommendation**

<p>Ms X and her son were granted Bridging visas on 26 November 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that Ms X and her son were held in detention for over three 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Ms X and her son were previously reported on in a family report with her daughter, Miss Y. Miss Y is now the subject of a separate Ombudsman report.