

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 has remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Stateless (claimed), born in Country A
Year of birth	1997
Ombudsman ID	1003001
Date of DIBP's report	21 July 2015
Total days in detention	739 (at date of DIBP's report)

Detention history

12 July 2013	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 (SIEV) 783 <i>Aliceville</i> . He was transferred to an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD), Christmas Island.
26 August 2013	Transferred to Darwin Airport Lodge APOD.
18 September 2013	Transferred to community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to ministerial intervention, 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 were subject to the bar under s 46A.	
30 June 2015	The Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow him to lodge a temporary visa application.

Health and welfare

9 September 2013	International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X was referred for specialist counselling following concerns raised by his teacher.
December 2013 and February 2014	Attended several specialist counselling sessions where it was noted that he had symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and grief. IHMS advised that he continued to receive counselling at school with the support of his specialist counsellor.
3 February 2015	Mr X lost consciousness following a fall at school. He was assessed by a general practitioner with no concerns raised.

Case status

Mr X was detained on 12 July 2013 after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 15 aboard SIEV *Aliceville* and has been held in detention for over two years.

On 30 June 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Mr X to lodge a temporary visa application. Mr X is awaiting an invitation to apply for a temporary visa.