

**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).

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1997
Ombudsman ID	1003031
Date of DIBP's report	31 March 2015
Total days in detention	Not provided

Detention history

23 March 2013	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 16 aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 620 <i>Uplander</i> .
25 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.	
25 March 2015	Granted a Bridging visa.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) provided details of Mr X's health and welfare while in detention. No significant ongoing mental health concerns were noted.	
26 March 2013	IHMS advised that Mr X was identified as a tuberculosis contact. He was monitored as per state policy.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

<p>Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 25 March 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that Mr X was detained on 23 March 2013 after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 16, 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 his 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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