

## 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 Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 48 months (four years).

The first report 1001598 was tabled in Parliament on 13 May 2015 and the second report 1002913 was tabled in Parliament on 31 August 2016. This report updates the material in those reports and should be read in conjunction with the previous reports.

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Stateless (claimed), born in Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1963
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1001003-O
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	6 June 2016

### Recent detention history

19 October 2016	Granted a Bridging visa and released from community detention.
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### Recent visa applications/case progression

8 January 2016	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) informed Mr X that following legislative amendment, his original Protection visa application was now taken to be a valid application for a Temporary Protection visa. The department also asked Mr X to provide it with further information in relation to the application. On 6 June 2016 the department advised that the matter remained ongoing.
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### Health and welfare

Mr X was provided with treatment and/or monitored for an extensive range of physical health issues including a malignant brain tumour, coronary heart disease and dental matters. International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that he was to be referred to a neurology specialist as needed for ongoing follow up. IHMS further advised that it was reviewing a treatment plan proposed by the community dentist as Mr X was found to have deep caries in his lower molars which were re-infecting previous root canal treatment and a missing lower premolar.

Mr X also received treatment and counselling for cognitive impairment and mental health issues including a history of torture and trauma.

### **Ombudsman assessment/recommendation**

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 19 October 2016 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes IHMS's advice that Mr X requires referral to a neurology specialist as needed for ongoing follow up and also was to receive further dental treatment for deep caries re-infecting previous root canal treatment.

The Ombudsman recommends that follow up be undertaken to ensure continuity of care in relation to Mr X's malignant brain tumour and his dental issues if treatment was not completed prior to his release from detention.