

REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the second s 486O report on Mr X and his family who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001770 was tabled in Parliament on 29 October 2014. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Mr X (and family)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1966

Family details

Family members	Ms Y (wife)	Miss Z (daughter)
Citizenship	Country A	Country A
Year of birth	1977	2005

Ombudsman ID	1002282
Date of DIBP's report	25 February 2015
Total days in detention	938 (at date of DIBP's report)

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001770), Mr X and his family ¹ remained in community detention.	
18 June 2015	Granted Bridging visas and released from detention.

Recent visa applications/case progression

12 December 2014	Mr X and his family attended an interview in relation to their Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) application.
18 June 2015	Granted Bridging visas.

Health and welfare

Mr X

1 October 2014	Attended a neurosurgery clinic for further review of his neurological condition. International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X was monitored by his general practitioner (GP).
14 October 2014	Referred for magnetic resonance imaging and a bone scan of his spine following continued back pain. Mr X was prescribed with pain relief medication.

¹ Master B was born in Australia in June 2013 and has been in detention for less than two years. He is not subject to reporting under s 486N.

29 December 2014	IHMS reported that issues relating to depressed mood, irritability and social withdrawal had been resolved and Mr X had not presented to his GP again with these symptoms.
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Ms Y

IHMS advised that Ms Y did not require treatment for any major physical health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.	
27 September 2014	Attended a psychological counselling session following low mood. IHMS advised it did not have any record of her attending further appointments.

Miss Z

IHMS advised that Miss Z did not require treatment for any major physical health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.	
19 May 2014	Referred to a paediatrician following concerns raised by Miss Z's parents relating to behavioural issues. IHMS approved the appointment on 28 May 2014 but was not provided with confirmation that Miss Z attended the appointment.

Case status

<p>Mr X and his family have been found not to be owed protection under the Refugee Convention and the complementary protection criterion. Mr X and his family are awaiting the outcome of their appeal to the RRT.</p> <p>Mr X and his family were granted Bridging visas on 18 June 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p>
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