

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

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1997
Ombudsman ID	1002984
Date of DIBP's report	22 July 2015
Total days in detention	739 (at date of DIBP's report)

Detention history

13 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) 784 <i>Bessemer</i> . He was transferred to an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD), Christmas Island.
11 August 2013	Transferred to Pontville APOD.
19 September 2013	Transferred to community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that, prior to ministerial intervention, Master 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 Master X to lodge a temporary visa application.
22 July 2015	DIBP advised that Master X is not being considered for a Bridging visa while he remains a minor.

Health and welfare

14 August 2013	International Health and Medical Services reported that Master X disclosed a history of torture and trauma but declined specialist counselling.
17 September 2013	Master X was assessed by the mental health team following alleged aggressive behaviour and a period of withdrawal, which his case worker said was out of character. He was offered counselling and strategies to help manage his mental health.

Case status

<p>Master X was detained on 13 July 2013 after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 15 aboard SIEV <i>Bessemer</i> and has been held in detention for over two years.</p> <p>On 30 June 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X to lodge a temporary visa application. Master X is awaiting an invitation to apply for a temporary visa.</p>
