

**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 Miss X¹ who remained in immigration detention for more than 36 months (three years).

Name	Miss X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	2002
Ombudsman ID	1002521-O
Date of DIBP's report	28 August 2016

Recent detention history

19 October 2015	Granted a Bridging visa and released from community detention.
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Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Miss 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 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Health and welfare

Miss X was provided with treatment and counselling for a history of torture and trauma, an adjustment disorder, anxiety, depression and anger management issues.

Other matters

2 April 2015	DIBP advised that Miss X no longer resides with her mother and brother following relationship breakdown. She has been placed under the care of the New South Wales Department of Family and Community Services.
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Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Miss X was granted a Bridging visa on 19 October 2015 and released from immigration detention. The Ombudsman notes that Miss X was held in detention for over three years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that at the time of DIBP's review processing of her claims for protection had not commenced. The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of Miss X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.

¹ Miss X was previously reported on in a family report with her mother, Ms Y, and her brother. Ms Y and her son are now the subject of a separate Ombudsman report.