

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 Ms X and her family who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001944¹ was tabled in Parliament on 12 August 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Ms X (and family)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1978

Family details

Family members	Master Y (son)	Mr Z (brother)
Citizenship	Country A	Country A
Year of birth	2005	1983

Ombudsman ID	1002591
Date of DIBP's report	29 April 2015
Total days in detention	Not provided

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001944), Ms X and her family remained in community detention.	
30 July 2015	Granted Bridging visas with associated Temporary Humanitarian Stay (THS) visas and released from detention.

Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Ms X and her family were 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(2).	
30 July 2015	Granted Bridging visas with associated THS visas.

Health and welfare

Ms X and Master Y

DIBP did not provide an International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) Health Summary Report for Ms X or Master Y for the period 5 November 2014 to 29 April 2015.
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¹ Ms X and her family were previously reported on in a group report of people who arrived on the Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) 487 *Quamby* and were detained on 19 October 2012.

Mr Z

IHMS advised that in the most recent reporting period Mr Z did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Ms X and her family were granted Bridging visas with associated THS visas on 30 July 2015 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Ms X and her family were detained on 19 October 2012 after arriving in Australia and were held in detention for over two and a half years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review of the family's case, processing of the family's claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.