

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 Master X¹ who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001916 was tabled in Parliament on 18 March 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	2002
Ombudsman ID	1002398
Date of DIBP's report	10 April 2015
Total days in detention	Not provided

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001916), Master X remained in community detention with his family.²

2 July 2015	Granted a Bridging visa with an associated Temporary Humanitarian Stay (THS) visa and released from 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, 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 the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A.

2 July 2015	Granted a Bridging visa with an associated THS visa.
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Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services advised that Master X did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.

¹ Master X was previously included in a report with Mr Y, who was granted a Bridging visa on 9 April 2015 and is the subject of Ombudsman report 1002397. Mr Y and Master X arrived in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) 468 *Waghorn* and were detained on 3 October 2012.

² Master X's parents and siblings arrived in Australia aboard SIEV *Ullswater* on 6 May 2013. They were granted Bridging visas with Master X on 2 July 2015 and are not subject to s 486N reporting.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Master X was granted a Bridging visa with an associated THS visa on 2 July 2015 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Master X was detained on 3 October 2012 after arriving in Australia aged 11, and was held in detention for over two and a half years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of his claim for protection had not commenced.

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