

**REPORT (ABRIDGED) 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 who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1002345 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.

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1997
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1003410
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	14 September 2015

**Recent detention history**

2 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, Mr 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**

Mr X was provided with counselling for symptoms of depression.

**Other matters**

While in community detention, Mr X resided with his uncle, Mr Y, who was granted a Bridging visa on 30 April 2014.

**Ombudsman assessment/recommendation**

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 2 October 2015 and released from immigration detention. The Ombudsman notes that Mr X 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 claims for protection had not commenced. The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of Mr X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.