REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 4860 of the Migration Act 1958

This is the fourth s 4860 report on Mr X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 78 months (six and a half years).

The first report 1647/13 was tabled in Parliament on 4 December 2013, the second report 1001201 was tabled in Parliament on 29 October 2014 and the third report 1001836 was tabled in Parliament on 9 September 2015. This report updates the material in those reports and should be read in conjunction with the previous reports.

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A, born in Country B
Year of birth	1987
Ombudsman ID	1003390
Date of DIBP's reports	2 September 2015, 2 March 2016 and 29 August 2016
Total days in detention	2368 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous report (1001836), Mr X has remained in community detention.

Recent visa applications/case progression

8 February 2016	Attended a Protection Obligations Evaluation (POE) interview to reassess his protection claims following remittal from the Federal Circuit Court.
13 April 2016	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that Mr X's claimed identity was found not to be supported.
27 April 2016	POE found Mr X is owed protection.
29 August 2016	DIBP advised that Mr X remains under investigation by an external agency for alleged criminal activities overseas and that he is still a person of interest to DIBP.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) reported that Mr X has not required treatment for any significant physical or mental health concerns since its previous report to the Ombudsman.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Mr X has been held in detention for over six and a half years. On 27 April 2016 he was found to be owed protection under a POE.

The Ombudsman notes that Mr X is under investigation by an external agency because of allegations about him received over two and a half years ago.

The Ombudsman recommends that priority is given to resolving Mr X's case as soon as possible.