

**ASSESSMENT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN  
FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

*Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958*

This is the third s 486O assessment on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for a cumulative period of more than 42 months (three and a half years). The previous assessment 1002320-O1 was tabled in Parliament on 21 June 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Stateless (claimed), born in Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1974
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1002320-O2
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	6 June 2017
<b>Total days in detention</b>	1,276 (at date of DIBP's report)

**Recent detention history**

Mr X had remained in an immigration detention facility.	
23 June 2017	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that Mr X had been placed in the community. <sup>1</sup>
28 August 2017	Granted a Final Departure Bridging visa and released from immigration detention.

**Recent visa applications/case progression**

The department has advised that it is exploring options to resolve Mr X's immigration status.
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**Health and welfare**

<p>International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X was monitored by a general practitioner (GP) with regular pathology testing for his chronic hepatitis B and high cholesterol. He also attended physiotherapy for a knee disorder and was reviewed by an ophthalmologist for ongoing vision concerns.</p> <p>IHMS further advised that Mr X received treatment for the management of depression, a history of torture and trauma, and anxiety related to situational stress and ongoing concerns regarding his family. In November 2016 he was reviewed by a psychiatrist and prescribed with antidepressant medication. He was referred for psychological counselling and continued to be monitored by a GP and the mental health team.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Mr X was granted a placement in the community under s 197AB and remained in immigration detention.

### **Ombudsman assessment/recommendation**

Mr X was detained on 27 November 2013 after arriving in Australia by sea and remained in immigration detention, both in a detention facility and the community, for a cumulative period of more than three and a half years with no processing of his protection claims.

Mr X was transferred to a Regional Processing Centre and returned to Australia. The department advised that it is exploring options to resolve Mr X's immigration status.

Mr X was granted a Final Departure Bridging visa on 28 August 2017 and was released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman's previous assessment (1002320-O1) recommended that the department expedite the resolution of Mr X's immigration status.

On 21 June 2017 the Minister advised that the department continues to identify options to resolve Mr X's immigration status.

Noting that there is currently no clear processing pathway for Mr X, the Ombudsman recommends that the department make arrangements for the processing of Mr X's protection claims.