

ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the fifth s 486O assessment on Mr X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 84 months (seven years). The previous assessments are:

981/12 tabled in Parliament on 26 June 2013

1001085 tabled in Parliament on 18 June 2014

1001644 tabled in Parliament on 18 March 2015

1002816 tabled in Parliament on 20 October 2016.

This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Stateless, born in Country A
Year of birth	1980
Ombudsman ID	1000509-O
Date of DIBP's reviews	16 December 2016 and 16 June 2017
Total days in detention	2,550 (at date of DIBP's latest review)

Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous assessment (1002816), Mr X has remained in community detention.

Recent visa applications/case progression

26 September 2016	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) invited Mr X to lodge a temporary visa application.
23 February 2017	Mr X accepted the offer of assistance from the Primary Application Information Service (PAIS) to assist him with lodging a temporary visa application and was assigned a provider.
9 June 2017	Mr X's case was referred on a ministerial submission for consideration under s 195A of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> for the grant of a bridging visa.

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X was prescribed with medication and attended counselling for the management of symptoms of anxiety and depression, including suicidal ideation, hopelessness, nightmares and insomnia. In November 2016 IHMS noted that Mr X had ceased his medication and was considered to be at risk of deterioration. IHMS further advised that it approved a request for Mr X to live with other people as it would prevent isolating behaviour and improve his mental health. His condition continued to be monitored by a general practitioner and psychologist.

IHMS further advised that Mr X continued to receive treatment for lower back pain.

Case status

Mr X was detained on 23 June 2010 after arriving in Australia by sea and has been held in detention for more than seven years.

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On 23 February 2017 Mr X accepted the PAIS assistance and was assigned a provider to assist with lodging his application.