ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 4860 of the Migration Act 1958

This is the first s 486O assessment on Mr X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

| Name | Mr X |
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| Citizenship | Country A |
| Year of birth | 1969 |
| Ombudsman ID | 1002644-O |
| Date of DIBP's report | 20 April 2017 and 19 October 2017 |
| Total days in detention | 912 (at date of DIBP's latest report) |

Detention history

| 21 April 2015 | Detained under s 189(1) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> following the cancellation of his visa. He was transferred to Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (IDC). |
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| 21 May 2015 | Transferred to Christmas Island IDC. |
| 16 October 2015 | Transferred to Yongah Hill IDC. |

Visa applications/case progression

| Mr X arrived in Australia at Sydney International Airport on 21 April 2015 on a visitor visa. His visa was cancelled under s 116 on entry as he was found to be using a fraudulent passport. | | |
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| 2 June 2015 | Lodged a Temporary Protection visa (TPV). | |
| 14 March 2016 | Mr X was notified that he is eligible to receive the Primary Application Information Service to assist him with lodging a new temporary visa application or providing supporting information for his existing application. He accepted the offer on 18 March 2016. | |
| 27 May 2016 | Lodged a Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) application and withdrew his existing TPV application. | |
| 28 July 2016 | SHEV application refused. | |
| 12 August 2016 | Applied to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) for merits review. | |
| 15 August 2016 | Found not to meet the guidelines for referral to the Minister under s 195A for the grant of a bridging visa. | |
| 22 November 2016 | AAT affirmed original decision. | |
| 9 December 2016 | Applied to the Federal Circuit Court (FCC) for judicial review. | |
| 18 May 2017 | FCC dismissed the application. | |
| 25 May 2017 | Applied to the Full Federal Court for judicial review with a hearing scheduled for 14 November 2017. | |
| 10 October 2017 | Mr X's case was referred on a ministerial submission for consideration under s 195A. | |

Health and welfare

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Mr X underwent testing and received treatment for knee pain and gastroenterological concerns. IHMS further advised that Mr X engaged with the mental health team for the management of a history of torture and trauma.

22 April 2015 An Incident Report recorded that Mr X threatened self-harm.

Case status

Mr X was detained on 21 April 2015 following the cancellation of his visa and has remained in an immigration detention facility for more than two and a half years.

On 27 May 2016 Mr X lodged a SHEV application and on 28 July 2016 his application was refused. At the time of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's latest report Mr X was awaiting the outcome of judicial review.

On 10 October 2017 Mr X's case was referred on a ministerial submission for consideration under s 195A for the grant of a bridging visa.