

REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the first s 486O report on Master X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1998
Ombudsman ID	1003065
Date of DIBP's report	27 July 2015
Total days in detention	738 (at date of DIBP's report)

Detention history

19 July 2013	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 14 aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) 796 <i>Rehobeth</i> . He was transferred to an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD), Christmas Island.
10 September 2013	Transferred to Darwin Airport Lodge APOD.
20 September 2013	Transferred to community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

8 July 2015	Master X was notified that he was eligible to receive the Primary Application Information Service for assistance in lodging an application for protection. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that Master X had not responded at the time of its report.
9 July 2015	The Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X to lodge a temporary visa application. DIBP advised that Master X has not yet been invited to make an application and is not being considered for the grant of a Bridging visa while he remains a minor.

Health and welfare

5 December 2013	International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised Master X was referred to a psychologist for management of symptoms related to anxiety and grief.
12 April 2014 – 3 July 2015	Attended 15 appointments with a psychologist. IHMS advised that he was provided with relaxation exercises and continues to attend counselling as required.

Case status

Master X was detained on 19 July 2013 after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 14 aboard SIEV *Rehobeth* and has been held in detention for over two years with no processing of his protection claims.

On 9 July 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X to lodge a temporary visa application. Master X is awaiting an invitation to apply for a temporary visa.