

**REPORT (ABRIDGED) 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 Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

<b>Name</b>	Mr X
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1980
<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1003092
<b>Date of DIBP's report</b>	24 April 2015

**Detention history**

18 April 2013	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 664 <i>Newark</i> .  Mr X's wife, Ms Y and their two sons arrived two weeks earlier and are the subjects of Ombudsman report 1002385.
18 June 2015	Granted a Bridging visa together with his family and released from community detention.

**Visa applications/case progression**

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Mr X was part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A.

**Health and welfare**

DIBP did not provide an International Health and Medical Services Health Summary Report for Mr X.

**Ombudsman assessment/recommendation**

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 18 June 2015 and released from immigration detention.

In the absence of any health and welfare information provided by DIBP the Ombudsman is unable to assess the adequacy of health care provided to Mr X while he was in detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Mr X was held in detention for over two years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of his claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of Mr X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.