

**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 and his family who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Mr X (and family)
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1981
Ombudsman ID	1003013
Date of DIBP's report	5 May 2015

Detention history

7 May 2013	Mr X, Ms Y and their two children were detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 694 <i>Ullswater</i> .
2 July 2015	Granted Bridging visas 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 and his family were 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

Ms Y was provided with treatment and counselling for a range of physical health issues. DIBP did not provide International Health and Medical Services Health Summary Reports for Mr X and their two children.	
April 2014	Ms Y gave birth to her baby (gender not specified).

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

<p>Mr X and his family were granted Bridging visas on 2 July 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>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 and his children while they were in immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that Mr X and his family were held in detention for over two years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of the family's claims for protection had not commenced.</p> <p>The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.</p>
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