# REPORT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

Under s 4860 of the Migration Act 1958

This is the second s 4860 report on Master X who has remained in immigration detention for more than 42 months (three and a half years).

The first report 1002577 was tabled in Parliament on 21 October 2015. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1999
Ombudsman ID	1001406-O
Date of DIBP's reports	20 November 2015 and 20 May 2016
Total days in detention	1276 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

# **Detention history**

21 November 2012	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 13 aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) 542 <i>Unimog</i> . He was transferred to an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD), Christmas Island.	
7 December 2012	Transferred to Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).	
16 January 2013	Transferred to an APOD, Christmas Island.	
18 January 2013	Transferred to Christmas Island IDC.	
25 January 2013	Transferred to an APOD, Christmas Island.	
29 January 2013	Transferred to Christmas Island IDC.	
31 January 2013	Transferred to an APOD, Christmas Island.	
19 April 2013	Transferred to Darwin Airport Lodge APOD.	
1 May 2013	Transferred to Wickham Point APOD.	
8 August 2013	Transferred to Inverbrackie APOD.	
18 September 2013	Transferred to community detention.	
Master X resides in the community with his aunt, Ms Y, brother, Mr Z, and extended family.		

# Recent visa applications/case progression

3 September 2013	The former Minister intervened under s 197AB to allow Master X to
	reside in community detention.

13 March 2014	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) notified Master X of the unintentional release of personal information <sup>1</sup> and advised that the privacy breach would be taken into account when considering his protection claims.	
13 August 2015	The Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X to lodge a temporary visa application.	
2 September 2015	Master X was notified that he is eligible to receive the Primary Application Information Service (PAIS) to assist him with lodging a temporary visa application. He accepted the offer on 14 September 2015 and was assigned a PAIS provider.	
22 December 2015	Lodged a Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) application which listed his aunt and extended family members as dependents.	
DIBP advised that Master X will not be considered for the grant of a Bridging visa while he is a minor.		

#### **Health and welfare**

International Health and Medical Services advised that Master X has not required treatment for any major physical or mental health issues since its previous report to the Ombudsman.

### Other matters

Master X's sisters, Ms P and Ms Q, and brother, Master R, reside together in the community on Bridging visas.

## **Case status**

Master X was detained on 21 November 2012 after arriving in Australia aboard SIEV *Unimog* and has been held in detention for over three and a half years.

On 13 August 2015 the Minister lifted the bar under s 46A to allow Master X to apply for a temporary visa and on 22 December 2015 Master X lodged an application for a SHEV.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In a media release dated 19 February 2014 the former Minister advised that an immigration detention statistics report was released on DIBP's website on 11 February 2014 which inadvertently disclosed detainees' personal information. The documents were removed from the website as soon as DIBP became aware of the breach from the media. The Minister acknowledged this was a serious breach of privacy by DIBP.