

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

Name	Master X
Citizenship	Country A, (born in Australia to parents ¹ in immigration detention)
Year of birth	2014
Ombudsman ID	1002379-O
Date of DIBP's report	27 April 2016

Detention history

24 April 2014	Following his birth to parents in immigration detention, Master X was detained under s 189(1) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> .
19 October 2016	Master X was granted a Bridging visa with his family and released from community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that prior to being released from detention, Master 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

Master X did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues.

Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Master X was granted a Bridging visa on 19 October 2016 with his family and was released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Master X was held in detention for over two years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that at the time of the department'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 Master X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.

¹ Master X's parents, Mr Y and Ms Z are the subjects of Ombudsman report 1001373-O