

## ASSESSMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT

*Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958*

This is the third s 486O assessment on Ms X, Miss Y and Miss Z who have remained in immigration detention for more than 54 months (four and a half years). The previous assessment 1001212-O was tabled in Parliament on 1 March 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

<b>Name</b>	Ms X (and family)
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	1968

### Family details

<b>Family members</b>	Miss Y (daughter)	Miss Z (granddaughter)
<b>Citizenship</b>	Country A	Country A
<b>Year of birth</b>	2002	2009

<b>Ombudsman ID</b>	1001212-O1
<b>Date of DIBP's reports</b>	10 December 2016 and 21 June 2017
<b>Total days in detention</b>	1,651 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

### Recent detention history

Since the Ombudsman's previous assessment (1001212-O), the family has remained in community detention.

### Recent visa applications/case progression

Ms X, Miss Y and Miss Z are included as dependants on the Safe Haven Enterprise visa (SHEV) application lodged by Ms X's nephew, Master Q, on 22 December 2015.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that it continued to assess the family's SHEV application.

### Health and welfare

#### Ms X

International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that Ms X was reviewed by a cardiac specialist on 23 March 2016 with no abnormalities identified.	
IHMS further advised that Ms X attended psychological counselling for symptoms of depression, stress and anxiety.	
1 November 2016	An Incident Report recorded that Ms X self-harmed following an argument with her daughter.

*Miss Y*

IHMS advised that Miss Y was referred for psychological counselling following an incident of self-harm in November 2016 in relation to an argument with her mother. The psychologist noted that she was experiencing symptoms of anxiety and stress and she continued to be monitored by a general practitioner (GP).

*Miss Z*

IHMS advised that Miss Z underwent a psychological assessment following a review with a GP in March 2016. During the assessment, Ms X reported that Miss Z was experiencing sleep issues, difficulties following instructions and was missing her parents. The psychologist noted that Miss Z presented with symptoms of anxiety and stress. Her condition continued to be monitored by a psychologist and GP.

**Case status**

Ms X, Miss Y and Miss Z were detained on 13 December 2012 after arriving in Australia by sea and have been held in detention for more than four and a half years.

The department continued to assess the family's SHEV application at the time of its latest report.