

**ASSESSMENT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN
FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the fourth s 486O assessment on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for a cumulative period of more than 66 months (five and a half years). The previous assessment 1000499-O was tabled in Parliament on 15 February 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

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| Name | Mr X |
| Citizenship | Country A |
| Year of birth | 1956 |
| Ombudsman ID | 1000499-O1 |
| Date of DIBP's report | 23 November 2016 |
| Total days in detention | 2,004 (at date of DIBP's report) |

Recent detention history

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| 23 March 2017 | Granted a bridging visa and released from an immigration detention facility. |
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Recent visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department) advised that Mr X has been found not to be owed protection under the Refugee Convention and complementary protection criterion. He has no outstanding matters before the department, courts or tribunals and is on a removal pathway.

Health and welfare

Mr X was provided with treatment for physical health issues including ischemic heart disease. He also received treatment and counselling for a range of mental health issues including a history of torture and trauma and an adjustment disorder with anxious and depressed mood.

Case status

The Ombudsman's previous assessment (1000499-O) recommended that Mr X be considered for a community detention placement until removal action could be progressed while noting that his removal is likely to be protracted as involuntary removal to Country A is not possible at present.

On 15 February 2017 the Minister advised that Mr X was being considered for a bridging visa under s 195A of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Mr X was granted a bridging visa on 23 March 2017 and was released from immigration detention.