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

Under s 4860 of the Migration Act 1958

This is the third s 4860 assessment on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 48 months (four years). The previous assessment 1001611-O was tabled in Parliament on 1 March 2017. This assessment provides an update and should be read in conjunction with the previous assessments.

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1978
Ombudsman ID	1001611-01
Date of DIBP's reports	14 December 2016 and 14 June 2016
Total days in detention	1,458 (at date of DIBP's latest report)

Recent detention history

6 July 2017	Granted a Temporary Protection visa (TPV) and released from an
	immigration detention facility.

Recent visa applications/case progression

17 March 2017	The New South Wales Director of Public Prosecutions cancelled Mr X's Criminal Justice Stay Certificate.
4 May 2017	Issued with a Notice of Intention to Consider Refusal of his TPV application under s 501 of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> . Mr X provided a response on 1 June 2017.
8 June 2017	The Department of Immigration and Border Protection invited Mr X to comment on sentencing remarks that may be taken into account when considering to refuse his TPV application.

Criminal history

February 2017	Sentenced to three years imprisonment with a non-parole period of two years for an earlier conviction of assault. His sentence commenced on 20 August 2013 and concluded on 19 August 2015.
28 February 2017	Lodged a Notice of Intention to Appeal his conviction.

Health and welfare

Mr X attended counselling for management of anxiety and a history of torture and trauma. On 3 April 2017 a psychologist noted that a change in environment would likely reduce immediate environmental stressors and improve Mr X's mental health.

Mr X was also provided with treatment for physical health concerns, including shoulder and back pain.

Case status

The Ombudsman's previous assessment (1001611-O) noted that Mr X's mental health was significantly impacted by his immigration status and recommended that consideration be given to placing him in a less restrictive detention facility or community detention while he awaits the resolution of his immigration status.

On 3 March 2017 the Minister advised that Mr X's placement would be considered on the conclusion of his outstanding legal matters.

Mr X was granted a TPV on 6 July 2017 and released from detention.