



Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

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Dear Mr. Grizzel,

The Commission met this week with detainees at the Immigration Detention Centre (the "IDC"). There are a number of cases where detainees have been waiting for hearings before the Immigration Appeals Tribunal (the "IAT") for extended periods, many over half a year.

The Commission remains concerned with these excessive delays. Can you please provide details of:

- 1) the number of appeal hearings for asylum seekers currently before the IAT;
- 2) the dates that these appeals were filed; and
- 3) when these appeals are due to be heard.

If any appeals have not yet been scheduled please clarify why this is and indicate when a date will be allocated for them.

Clearly, these extensive delays and the associated ongoing incarceration of asylum seekers gives rise to serious concerns both under our Constitution and our international treaty obligations. Can you provide the Commission with the reason why these matters have been delayed so extensively. Has any consideration been given to prioritizing the appeal hearings? If not, why not?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Austin-Smith', written over a white background.

James Austin-Smith
Chairman