



**Cayman Islands
Human Rights Commission**

promoting, protecting and preserving human rights

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Dear Mr. Bush,

Following a meeting with the HM Prisons Inspectorate team, during their visit in January 2015, the Human Rights Commission (**the “Commission”**) agreed that the continued use of the condemned police custody cells continues to cause human rights related concerns.

The Commission is aware that the Ministry of Home Affairs hoped the new modular detention building for the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service would be operational by June 2014. The Commission understands, however, that due to a number of planning and building inspection delays the building continues, in April 2015, to sit unused.

Prior to moving forward with giving consideration to possibly completing its own inspection of police custody cells, and production of a public report on the topic, the Commission invites you to provide an update on the position regarding the long-overdue opening of the building.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and in any event within 7 business days.

Yours sincerely,

James Austin-Smith
Chairman, Human Rights Commission

cc: Commissioner of Police