



## Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

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Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your response dated 6 August 2018.

The Commission notes the importance of protecting the safety of the general public of the Cayman Islands whilst at the same time ensuring compliance with our international legal obligations. The Commission has previously raised concerns regarding the failure to properly assess each migrant individually on arrival (and on a continuing basis) to determine the most appropriate accommodation for them and to establish which detainees needed to be housed at secure facilities.

The Commission notes in the Operational Manual of the Immigration Detention Centre (section 5, page 6) that an initial detention period, following assessment, is set at 90 days. Can you please provide the Commission with details of how a review following the initial 90 day period is ensured.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Austin-Smith'.

James Austin-Smith  
Chairman