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Dear Dr. Ebanks,

Mrs. Julene Banks very kindly agreed to attend the CEDAW Conference in Anguilla in October 2010 at the behest of the Human Rights Commission.

Upon her return she prepared a report and spoke to the HRC summarizing the conference and her recommendations for the way ahead in relation to the Cayman Islands and CEDAW. Further, she attended at our invitation an HRC meeting to answer questions that the Commission members had regarding the conference.

We note that the report prepared by Mrs. Banks has been posted to the Constitutional Commission's website. The matter of CEDAW is still before the HRC for further research and at this time we are unable to say whether the HRC would accept her recommendations on the way forward.

Since October 2010, the HRC has been conducting research and liaising with the Cayman Islands Government on this subject matter. Once our research is complete we will be writing our own report which details the HRC's position on whether the Cayman Islands should accept CEDAW. The problem is that the Report of Mrs. Banks is worded in such a way that it may be seen by others as reflecting the views and opinions of HRC, which while research is still being conducted, it could not.

Mrs. Banks is of course quite free to publish her Report in any manner she wishes but we would ask that in doing so she make clear that it contains her own personal views and no others. .

Kind regards,


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