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FROM THE GOVERNOR

25 May 2011

Mr Richard Coles
Chairman
Human Rights Commission

Don Richard,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 March in which you enquire about the Government's position on signing up to the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

I am glad to be able to confirm that Cabinet approved the Gender Equality, 2011 Bill at its meeting on 10 May. This Bill will now be brought to the Legislative Assembly. The Government has repeatedly confirmed its intention to sign up to CEDAW. As you note in your letter, Minister Mike Adam, in remarks at the International Women's Day ceremony in March, noted that the passing of the Gender Equality Bill, 2011 was a necessary step on the way to Government accepting CEDAW.

I hope that this is helpful.

with best regards,

Duncan

Duncan Taylor

cc. Hon. Premier
Hon. Minister for Community Affairs, Gender and Housing
Hon. Deputy Governor