



## Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

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Dear Mr Lavis,

The Commission wishes to thank you for your prompt and thorough response to our correspondence of 7 October 2016, in which you detailed the recommendations made by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons ("HMIP") and the progress that Her Majesty's Prison Service ("HMPS") has made in addressing the concerns raised. Your response was very helpful in understanding the issues at a strategic level.

Following our earlier request, the Commission would like to address the specific concerns listed by the complainant in his submission. The Commission would therefore be grateful if you could confirm whether it is correct that the following conditions remain at the prison:

1. leaky roofs;
2. cockroach and fly infestations;
3. foul odours in general and especially emanating from the toilets;
4. hot temperatures;
5. unappealing food; and
6. poor ventilation in the cell blocks.

The Commission appreciates that some of these concerns (notably point 5) are not necessarily capable of objective review but would be grateful to receive any general comments that you have in respect of them.

Finally, can we take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued efforts to improve the conditions in our prisons.

Yours sincerely,

James Austin-Smith  
Chairman