



Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

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Dear Mr. Howell,

The Commission continues to receive complaints from migrants regarding the appeals process for political asylum seekers to the Immigration Appeals Tribunal.

In reviewing these complaints, the Commission continues to note the very lengthy delays associated with the appeals process. Can you please provide an update on the formation of the Refugee Protection Appeals Tribunal (the "RPAT") in accordance with the newly passed Immigration (Amendment) Law, 2018?

The Commission is also interested in the regulations/policies that will guide the RPAT in its activities, for example with regard to matters like the use of translators, timeframes for service of documents and delivery of rulings. The Commission would be grateful for sight of these regulations and policies; and if none exist, an indication of the timeline for the development of them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Austin-Smith', written over a light blue circular stamp.

James Austin-Smith
Chairman