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Dear Dr Basdeo and Mr Howell,

The Commission is continuing to stay abreast of issues related to the way in which migrants are being processed and detained in the Cayman Islands. As a part of this monitoring, we are following up with relevant public authorities to determine what progress, if any, has been made on each of the Commission's previous recommendations relating to migrants.

For your ease of reference the previous correspondence from the Commission detailing the recommendations is enclosed.

In conducting our review, the Commission received a copy of the latest report following an inspection conducted by the Prisons Inspection Board (the "PIB") on the Immigration Detention Centre. This report, dated 3 August 2017, contains recommendations that were similar to that of the Commission's previous recommendations. The Commission awaits a substantive response from the Secretary of the PIB as to whether the Ministry has accepted the PIB's recommendations and, if so, what progress has been made on achieving the recommendations.

The Commission would appreciate receiving a response from both entities within the next 14 days.

Yours sincerely,

James Austin-Smith Chairman, Human Rights Commission

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