



Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

promoting, protecting and preserving human rights

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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Dr Bush,

I refer to your letter of 5 April 2019, the contents of which I have considered carefully. I have also taken the time to review the proceedings in the Legislative Assembly related to this matter. I note the statement made by the Hon Premier at the outset of the proceedings in which he pointed out that this issue is an emotive one; I respectfully agree and am also acutely aware of the strong feelings which it engenders.

I do not think it assists for me to rehearse the points made in the press release of 4 April 2019 (“the Press Release”) but it was acting in accordance with the Commission’s Constitutional duties that the Press Release, which I understand to have caused the concerns you articulate, was issued.

I do not agree that there is anything within the Press Release which could have been construed as an insult or resulted in “odium, contempt, [or] ridicule” being brought upon the House, and, certainly, I can assure you that that was not its intent.

Yours sincerely,

James Austin-Smith
Chairman

Cc. His Excellency The Governor
Human Rights Commission Members