



CAYMAN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

5th April 2019

The Chairman,
The Human Rights Commission,
2nd Floor Artemis House,
#67 Fort Street, George Town,
Cayman Islands.

Dear Mr James Austin-Smith,

Following, a message of the Honorable Speaker, on the Third Sitting in the Fourth Meeting of the 2018/2019 Session of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly, dated 5th April, 2019, the Assembly ordered *unanimously* that you make an **unconditional apology** to the Assembly for your published statement reflecting upon the Business of the House; specifically, on the **“Debate on Same-Sex Marriage.”**

Your deliberate statement has been a direct insult on the works of the Honourable members, by bringing the Legislative Assembly into odium, contempt, ridicule and an attempt to lower its authority, and also to bring the House in disrepute.

April 5, 2019

Your statement coming from such an important constitutional body cannot be tolerated. The House could have employed a more drastic legal process. Instead, it resolved to temper the desire of some members and instead demanded an **unconditional apology**.

This **unconditional apology** should be delivered in writing to the Speaker's Chambers of the Legislative Assembly by 4:00pm on Monday, 8th April 2019.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Members of the Legislative Assembly

H.E. The Governor

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