

**Replies to questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the
Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**

**[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs]
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 163 Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title) : 258 Election Expenses

Programme : 16301 Electoral Services

Controlling Officer : Chief Electoral Officer

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question : How many voter registration forms were received in the Voter Registration Exercise conducted in 1999 and 2000?

Asked by : The Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply : 165,000 and 444,619 voter registration forms were received in the Voter Registration Exercise conducted in 1999 and 2000 respectively.

Signature : _____
Name in block letters : LI Wing
Post Title : Chief Electoral Officer
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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 144 GS : Constitutional Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Constitutional Affairs Bureau

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question :

Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) coordinates communication between the HKSAR Government and the authorities in Guangdong and has assisted relevant authorities to set up expert groups to discuss and examine specific issues. How many such expert groups have been set up with the assistance of CAB?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Under the Boundary Liaison System, CAB has assisted to set up the following working groups –

- Working Group on the Review of Cross-Boundary Road Traffic between Guangdong and Hong Kong
- Joint Working Group on Control at Exit/Entry Points
- Meeting with Guangdong Officials on Cross-Border Vehicles
- Meeting with Guangdong Officials on Cross-Boundary Coaches & Hire Cars

In addition, there are working meetings between border liaison officers of Police, Immigration and Customs respectively to discuss, among other things, boundary crossing arrangements on long holidays.

2. Under the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference, CAB has assisted to set up the following groups –

- Working group on Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection, which is supported by the following eight expert groups -
 - Pearl River Delta Region Air Quality Special Panel
 - Hong Kong-Guangdong Motor Diesel Fuel Specification Special Panel
 - Hong Kong-Guangdong Afforestation and Conservation Special Panel
 - Hong Kong-Guangdong Marine Resources and Conservation Special Panel
 - Dongjiang Water Quality Protection Special Panel
 - Pearl River Delta Region Water Quality Protection Special Panel
 - Hong Kong-Guangdong Town Planning Special Panel
 - Mirs Bay and Deep bay (Shenzhen Bay) Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit Special Panel

- Other working groups on matters relating to the teachers' exchange programme, joint cheque clearing system, inter-government electronic link, and tourism.

Signature

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Date

21 March 2001