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Dear Percy,

**Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Meeting on 19 May 2003**

At the Panel meeting on 19 May 2003, Members requested the Administration to provide information on the overall voter registration rates for the years from 1999 to 2001, and to analyse the pattern of changes in the registration rates. Members also requested information on the voter registration rate of young people aged 18 to 20 in other jurisdictions. I set out below the requisite information that is available to us.

The overall voter registration rates during the period from 1999 to 2001 are set out below –

<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
65.2%	67.5%	66.5%

We cannot find readily available information on the voter registration rates of young people in the 18 to 20 age group in other jurisdictions. A piece of information which is available to us is that the voter registration rate of young people aged 18 to 25 in the United States which is 45.8%. The comparable figure for the same age group in Hong Kong is 39.1%.

I should be grateful if you could convey the above to Panel Members.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

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