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Attention News Editors:

In response to media enquiries, a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office confirmed today (April 19) that none of the 199 unused ballot papers in the 2003 District Council Election was found in the ballot boxes.

These unused ballot papers were either found left behind by electors inside polling stations or returned by electors to the polling staff. Following standard procedure, these papers were chopped with the word "UNUSED" and then kept by the Presiding Officers, who delivered them in sealed envelopes to the Registration and Electoral Office after all the procedures at the polling stations were completed.

The issue of unused ballot papers was raised when the EAC Report on the 2003 District Council Election was discussed at a meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs this afternoon.

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