

## **Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

### **Results of the 2004 Voter Registration Campaign**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The voter registration campaign took place from 3 April to 16 May 2004 to encourage eligible persons to register as electors, and to remind registered electors who have changed addresses to update their records with the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”). This paper informs Members of the results of the campaign.

#### **RESULTS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN**

##### **Geographical Constituency (“GC”) electors**

2. During the voter registration campaign period, about 497 000 GC applications forms were received, of which 286 000 (57.6%) were applications for new registration as GC electors and 203 000 (40.8%) were applications for change of particulars. The remaining 8 000 (1.5%) applications were invalid. In addition, the Immigration and Housing Departments have referred to REO 180 000 cases for updating particulars of electors who are already registered.

3. Taking into account 17 000 additional GC electors registered before the campaign period, 286 000 new GC electors registered during the campaign period, the deletion of 54 000 registered GC electors who have not reported their change of addresses or whose dwellings have been demolished as well as 17 000 who are deceased, the total number of registered GC electors in the 2004 Provisional Register is 3.206 million. This represents an increase of about 232 000 electors (or 7.8%) over the 2003 Final Register. Breakdowns of registered GC electors by age group and by district are at **Annex A** and **Annex B** respectively.

##### **Functional Constituency (“FC”) electors**

4. During the voter registration campaign period, a total of about 15 000 FC application forms were received. Another 2 000 FC applications forms were received before the campaign. Out of these 17 000 applications, 12 000 (68.8%) were successful applications for new registration as FC electors and more than 3 000 (18.9%) were applications for change of

particulars. The remaining 2 000 (12.3%) applications were invalid.

5. In addition, during the campaign period, more than 34 000 notifications were sent according to the law by the Chief Electoral Officer to registered GC electors who are also known potential FC electors to inform them that, unless they elect not to be registered and notify the REO before the specified date, they will be registered as FC electors. Through this approach, an addition of 32 000 persons were registered as FC electors. In the 2004 Provisional Register, there are about 200 000 registered FC electors. A breakdown of registered FC electors by individual FCs is at **Annex C**.

### **Publication of the 2004 Provisional Register**

6. All validated applications for registration as GC and FC electors and change of particulars are reflected in the Provisional Register for 2004. In accordance with section 32 of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap.542), the Provisional Register has been published today by the Electoral Registration Officer (“ERO”). It will be available for public inspection until 29 June 2004. Between 15 June and 29 June 2004, members of the public may make an objection to the registration of a registered elector in the 2004 Final Register, or a claim that he or she is entitled to be registered as an elector in the 2004 Final Register. The ERO must publish the Final Register not later than 25 July 2004, as required by the law.

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**Age Profile of Registered Geographical Constituency Electors**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>2004 Provisional Register</b>
	<b>No. of registered electors</b>
18 - 20	113,272
21 - 25	241,503
26 - 30	265,895
31 - 35	270,973
36 - 40	353,106
41 - 45	435,861
46 - 50	383,850
51 - 55	311,224
56 - 60	196,341
61 - 65	158,959
66 - 70	165,293
71 or above	309,823
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,206,100</b>

**Distribution of Registered Geographical Constituency Electors by Districts**

Legislative Council Constituency	District	2004 Provisional Register
		No. of registered electors
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>	Central & Western	106,000
	Wan Chai	65,255
	Eastern	310,743
	Southern	136,490
	<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>618,488</i></b>
<b>Kowloon West</b>	Yau Tsim Mong	108,126
	Sham Shui Po	151,204
	Kowloon City	160,341
	<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>419,671</i></b>
<b>Kowloon East</b>	Wong Tai Sin	234,093
	Kwun Tong	291,183
	<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>525,276</i></b>
<b>New Territories West</b>	Tsuen Wan	124,204
	Tuen Mun	238,228
	Yuen Long	215,339
	Kwai Tsing	247,080
	Islands	47,703
	<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>872,554</i></b>
<b>New Territories East</b>	North	136,166
	Tai Po	145,056
	Sai Kung	173,414
	Sha Tin	315,475
	<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b><i>770,111</i></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,206,100</b>

**No. of Registered Functional Constituency Electors**

<b>Functional Constituency</b>		<b>2004 Provisional Register</b>
		<b>No. of registered electors</b>
1	Heung Yee Kuk	149
2	Agriculture and Fisheries	162
3	Insurance	161
4	Transport	182
5	Education	77,702
6	Legal	5,074
7	Accountancy	17,501
8	Medical	9,356
9	Health Services	35,443
10	Engineering	7,250
11	Architectural, Surveying and Planning	5,115
12	Labour	519
13	Social Welfare	10,405
14	Real Estate and Construction	757
15	Tourism	964
16	Commercial (First)	1,079
17	Commercial (Second)	1,834
18	Industrial (First)	802
19	Industrial (Second)	499
20	Finance	154
21	Financial Services	644
22	Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication	1,630
23	Import and Export	1,385
24	Textiles and Garment	3,894
25	Wholesale and Retail	4,064
26	Information Technology	4,557
27	Catering	7,787
28	District Council	461
<b>Total</b>		<b>199,530</b>