

To: Legislative Council "Subcommittee on Census and Statistics (2016
Population Census) Order"

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I understand that there will be a census conducted in 2016 to gather benchmark information on the demographic and socio economic characteristics of the population in HK.

I also understand that the plan is to include an 'Other' column on the question on "Sex", in addition to the "Male" or "Female". This is completely unnecessary in light of the endless debates and litigation in the West on the subject of gender identity. The 2016 Census should not be made a battlefield for this highly contentious issue. To determine one's gender, you simply look at his identity papers, namely his HKIS card, or for a foreigner, his passport. In the unlikely event that it does not shed light on his or her gender, the interviewer only need to ask the question - what was your gender at birth.

In short, keep the questionnaire simple and uncontentious.