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Dear Ms MAK,

**Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Supplementary Information on Voter Registration**

During the discussion on the “2018 Voter Registration Campaign” at the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 16 October 2017, a Member enquired about the number of elderly electors who had inadvertently lost their registration status and voting rights due to their failure to respond to the statutory inquiry procedures. We now provide the following information.

The Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) does not maintain statistical breakdown by age group of electors who have been removed from the registers. The number of geographical constituency electors who have been removed from the register in the 2017 voter registration cycle because of loss of eligibility for registration is as follows:

Reason for removal	Number of electors
Failure to respond to statutory inquiry procedures	29 576
Death	26 950

Other reasons (such as voluntary de-registration and loss of Hong Kong permanent resident status)	651
Total	57 177

In carrying out the inquiry process, the REO contacts the electors concerned by phone/short message service/electronic mail according to the communication means they have provided, so as to remind them to respond to the inquiry letters to confirm or update their registration particulars before the statutory deadline so that they will not lose their registration status and voting rights inadvertently. In addition, the REO launches various publicity measures (e.g. advertisements and broadcasting of publicity message) to remind the electors under inquiry to reply to the REO by the statutory deadline. If electors have questions about the contents of the inquiry letters or the inquiry process, they may call the REO hotline at 2891 1001. Staff of the REO will provide assistance to the electors and explain the related procedures.

Members are invited to note the above.

Yours sincerely,



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