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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” at the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 22 June 2018, Hon CHU Hoi-dick enquired about the age profile of newly registered electors and geographical constituency (“GC”) electors who were no longer eligible for registration and removed in the 2018 voter registration cycle, as well as the situation of replies by electors included in the random sample checks. We now provide the following information.

Age profile of newly registered electors

According to the 2018 final register published on 25 July this year, there are 81 363 newly registered GC electors and the the age profile of these electors is as follows:

Age	Number of newly registered electors
18-20	36 074
21-25	4 895
26-30	3 824

31-35	4 640
36-40	5 482
41-45	5 237
46-50	4 832
51-55	4 086
56-60	3 252
61-65	3 209
66-70	2 737
71 or above	3 095
Total	81 363

### Electors removed

The Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) does not have the statistical breakdown by age group of electors who have been removed from the register. The number of GC electors who have been removed from the register in the 2018 voter registration cycle by reason for removal is as follows:

Reason for removal	Number of electors
Failure to respond to statutory inquiry process	41 794
Death	29 797
Other reasons (such as voluntary de-registration and loss of Hong Kong permanent resident status)	531
Total	72 122

### Random sample checks

In the 2018 voter registration cycle, the REO continues to implement checking measures and inquiry process to improve the accuracy and completeness of registration particulars. Regarding the random sample checks, the REO first issued enquiry letters<sup>1</sup> to 28 661 electors contained in the 2017 final register in December 2017 requesting them to confirm or update their registered addresses by

<sup>1</sup> According to the REO’s established arrangement, the number of electors covered by the random sample checks in the election years and non-election years represents 3% and 1% of the electors contained in the final register respectively. After deducting electors who are the authorised occupants of public rental housing (already undergone cross-matching of data with the Housing Department or Hong Kong Housing Society), the REO issues enquiry letters to the remaining electors.

the end of January 2018. After implementing and following up with the checking measure, the REO included 11 539 electors who did not reply the above-mentioned enquiry letters in the statutory inquiry process in March 2018, and issued statutory inquiry letters to these electors requesting them to reply on or before the statutory deadline of 2 May. Subsequently, 6 458 electors failed to respond to the statutory inquiry letters and were included in the omissions list published on 1 June this year. The REO sent letters to the relevant electors on 31 May to remind them to submit claims or confirm/update their registered addresses on or before 25 June so that they would not lose their registration status and voting rights inadvertently. By the deadline of 25 June, a total of 1 008 electors replied and reinstated their registration status after obtaining the Revising Officer's approval. The remaining 5 450 electors failing to reply were removed and they were not included in the 2018 final register. In the end, 5 450 electors were removed out of 28 661 electors included in the random sample checks, i.e. representing 19% of the total number of electors included in this checking measure, which is similar to the figures in the past voter registration cycles and no anomaly is found in the checking process.

Members are invited to note the above.

Yours sincerely,



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