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Dear Ms MAK,

**Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Supplementary Information on Voter Registration in 2013**

During the discussion on the 2013 provisional register and related issues at the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 15 July 2013, some Members enquired about the change in the number of electors for each traditional functional constituency, the number of rejected voter registration applications and the voter registration rates of other countries. We now provide the relevant information as below.

Number of electors in traditional functional constituencies

According to the 2013 final register published at the end of July this year, the total number of electors in traditional functional constituencies is 238 022. When compared with the 2012 final register, there is a decrease of 2 713 electors. Details of the change in the number of electors for various traditional functional constituencies are set out in Annex 1.

Number of rejected voter registration applications

In the 2013 voter registration cycle, 912 voter registration applications in the geographical constituencies were rejected, and the breakdown by reason of rejection is as follows:

- (1) 494 applications were rejected as the applicants did not fulfil the criteria of being a permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;

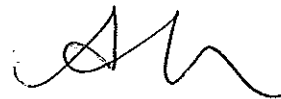
- (2) 385 applications were rejected as the applicants failed to provide the required information to the Electoral Registration Officer by the statutory deadline, such as providing supplementary information to verify the residential address; and
- (3) 33 applications were rejected as the applicants were under the age of 18.

Furthermore, there were 115 voter registration applications in the traditional functional constituencies which were rejected. The main reason for rejection was that the applicants did not fulfil the criteria for registration in the relevant functional constituencies, e.g. the applicant was not a staff member employed by the specified institutions or a member of the specified bodies as listed in the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542).

Voter registration rates

The voter registration systems of other countries include automatic or compulsory registration systems (e.g. South Korea¹ and Australia²), and voter registration systems based on application (e.g. Hong Kong, the United States of America and New Zealand). The voter registration rates of the United States of America, New Zealand and Hong Kong by age groups are set out in Annex 2 for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ http://www.nec.go.kr/engvote_2013/02_elections/01_06.jsp

² http://www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/Publications/Fact_Sheets/direct.htm

**Number of electors in traditional functional constituencies contained in the 2013 Final Register
as compared with the corresponding figures contained in the 2012 Final Register**

		2012 Final Register	2013 Final Register	Difference as compared with 2012
1	Heung Yee Kuk	147	145	-2
2	Agriculture and Fisheries	159	158	-1
3	Insurance	135	130	-5
4	Transport	204	201	-3
5	Education	92,957	91,621	-1,336
6	Legal	6,482	6,478	-4
7	Accountancy	25,174	25,154	-20
8	Medical	10,888	10,825	-63
9	Health Services	37,556	37,353	-203
10	Engineering	9,172	9,119	-53
11	Architectural, Surveying and Planning	6,781	6,801	20
12	Labour	646	646	0
13	Social Welfare	14,093	13,885	-208
14	Real Estate and Construction	767	740	-27
15	Tourism	1,319	1,336	17
16	Commercial (First)	927	935	8
17	Commercial (Second)	1,749	1,668	-81
18	Industrial (First)	603	604	1
19	Industrial (Second)	829	825	-4
20	Finance	128	125	-3
21	Financial Services	596	594	-2
22	Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication	2,586	2,554	-32
23	Import and Export	1,472	1,429	-43
24	Textiles and Garment	3,200	3,196	-4
25	Wholesale and Retail	7,242	7,093	-149
26	Information Technology	6,716	6,322	-394
27	Catering	7,797	7,673	-124
28	District Council (First)	410	412	2
	Total :	240,735	238,022	-2,713

Voter Registration Rate in the United States of America

Age	Number of citizen	Number of registered voters	Registration rate
18 - 24	27 535 000	14 766 000	53.6%
25 - 34	35 473 000	23 435 000	66.1%
35 - 44	34 265 000	24 461 000	71.4%
45 - 54	40 016 000	29 445 000	73.6%
55 - 64	36 623 000	28 350 000	77.4%
65 - 74	23 375 000	18 620 000	79.7%
75+	17 794 000	14 079 000	79.1%
Total	215 081 000	153 156 000	71.2%

Source:

U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2012.

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/publications/p20/2012/tables.html>

Voter Registration Rate in New Zealand

Age	Estimated number of eligible voters	Number of registered voters	Registration rate
18 - 24	437 380	312 791	71.5%
25 - 34	561 840	465 079	82.8%
35 - 44	572 910	547 857	95.6%
45 - 54	614 080	595 489	97.0%
55 - 64	504 260	492 416	97.7%
65 - 69	203 620	198 976	97.7%
70+	428 430	408 001	95.2%
Total	3 322 520	3 020 609	90.9%

Source:

Electoral Commission, New Zealand

<http://www.elections.org.nz/research-statistics/enrolment-statistics-electorate>

Enrolment statistics as at 31 August 2013

Voter Registration Rate in Hong Kong

Age	Estimated number of eligible voters ⁽¹⁾	Number of registered voters ⁽²⁾	Registration rate
18 - 25	601 500	356 561	59.3%
26 - 35	715 000	467 669	65.4%
36 - 45	736 900	548 777	74.5%
46 - 55	986 200	790 009	80.1%
56 - 65	821 200	671 217	81.7%
66 - 70	223 200	184 201	82.5%
71+	660 300	452 989	68.6%
Total	4 744 300	3 471 423	73.2%

Source:

- (1) Estimated figures by the Census and Statistics Department as at December 2012
- (2) 2013 final register published by the Registration and Electoral Office on 25 July 2013