

**Bills Committee on
Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2015**

**Follow up on issues raised at the
Bills Committee meeting on 18 May 2015**

This paper sets out the Government's response to issues raised by individual Members at the Bills Committee meeting on 18 May 2015 regarding the information technology functional constituency ("FC"); health services FC; and education FC.

Information technology FC

2. A Member asked which bureau/department we have consulted in considering requests received concerning the information technology FC. Regarding requests concerning the information technology FC, we have consulted the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

Health services FC

3. A Member mentioned that some clinical psychologists who have graduated from overseas universities cannot become members of "an association set up by psychologists who have graduated from local universities", and hence are ineligible to be electors in the health services FC. In accordance with section 20I of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) ("LCO"), the health services FC is composed of, among others, clinical psychologists who are in the service under the Government, or are employed in Hong Kong at specified institutions. Being a member of individual psychologists' professional associations is hence not a requirement for becoming an elector in the health services FC under the LCO.

Education FC

4. A Member requested a list of all the eligible ranks of "full-time academic staff engaged in teaching or research and administrative staff of equivalent rank" in each institution under section 20E(a) and (aa) of the LCO.

5. In accordance with section 9(1) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of

Election Committee) Regulation (Cap. 541B), for the purpose of preparing an FCs register or a subsector register, the Electoral Registration Officer (“ERO”) may require a body to furnish such information as the ERO may specify. The institutions mentioned in paragraph 4 above are required to, in accordance with such requirements, compile lists of staff that are eligible for registration and provide such lists to the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”), so as to facilitate the REO to verify particulars of registered electors in the register and applicants for new registration, in order to confirm their eligibility for registration in the education FC. The provision stipulates that information obtained may only be used for the purpose of preparing a register or in specified occasions or legal proceedings; we are thus not in a position to disclose the requested information.

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