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Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Public Consultation on Enhancement of Voter Registration System

Introduction

This paper invites Members to express views on the Consultation Document on Enhancement of Voter Registration System (Consultation Document) issued by the Government on 26 November 2015.

Public Consultation

- 2. In view of the concerns expressed by members of the public on matters relating to voter registration (VR) in July and August this year, the Government has embarked on a review of the existing VR system and the relevant arrangements and sought the preliminary views of Legislative Council (LegCo) Members on the directions of the review at a special meeting of the LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 30 September 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(2)2141/14-15(01)).
- 3. Thereafter, the Government has drawn up a series of proposed measures and issued the Consultation Document on 26 November 2015 to collect views from the public regarding enhancement of the VR system. The consultation period will end on 8 January 2016. After carefully considering all the views received, the Government will finalise and implement the measures for enhancing the VR system.

Consultation Document

4. The Consultation Document puts forward a series of proposed measures regarding VR and checking arrangements, penalties on VR offences, review of the objection mechanism, time limit for processing objection cases, and requirement of address proofs, and invites members of the public to express their views.

5. The Consultation Document was distributed to all LegCo Members on 26 November 2015.

Views Sought

6. Members' views are sought regarding the various proposed measures set out in the Consultation Document.

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