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Ms Connie SZETO
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Dear Ms SZETO,

Establishment Sub-committee
Follow up items on the Meeting held on 6 June 2018

I refer to the request dated 7 June 2018 regarding Establishment Subcommittee Paper EC(2016-17)26 to provide statistics on legal advice rendered by the Constitutional Development and Elections Unit (“CD&EU”) in relation to claims and objections lodged in the voter registration cycles in 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016.

According to the information provided by the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”), the numbers of voters involved in claims and objections lodged in the voter registration cycles in 2011 (prior to the establishment of CD&EU)¹, 2012, 2015 and 2016 are as follows:

Voter Registration Cycle	Number of voters involved in claims or objections related to voter registration received by the Electoral Registration Officer
2011 (District Council Election year)	86
2012 (Legislative Council Election year)	9
2015 (District Council Election year)	1 451
2016 (Legislative Council Election year)	3

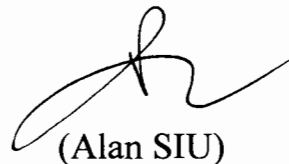
¹ Prior to the establishment of the CD&EU, the advisory work in relation to electoral matters was dealt with by counsel in the Civil Advisory Unit under the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

The REO seeks legal advice from the CD&EU from time to time during each voter registration cycle. We do not, however, maintain any statistical breakdown of the advice given by cases and, therefore, are unable to provide the actual figures requested. In 2015, although the Electoral Registration Officer did not seek legal advice from the CD&EU for every case, given the upsurge in claims or objections related to voter registration and representation by counsel of the CD&EU was required at all hearings, that year witnessed a substantial increase in the workload of the CD&EU in this regard.

The numbers of legal advice rendered by the CD&EU from 2012 (when it was established) to 2016 are as follows:

Year	Total number of legal advice rendered
2012 (from mid-April)	726
2013	672
2014	750
2015	1 007
2016	1 236

Yours sincerely,



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