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S-CMAB001

(Question Serial No. S009)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. The Secretary indicated at the meeting that the operational needs of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) will be reviewed from time to time, and that flexible consideration will be given to additionally allocating “one-off provision” to the PCPD as necessary under certain circumstances. Given the growing severity of data breach incidents in public and private organisations, the amendment of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance is a matter of urgency. At present, are there plans to additionally allocate “one-off provision” to support the work of the PCPD? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the factors that will trigger the allocation of additional “one-off provision”?

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen

Reply:

In view of the operational needs of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) and having regard to the fiscal position, the Government additionally allocated a capital subvention to the PCPD in 2025-26. The subvention is primarily used for research/amendments on the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance and related work, and for strengthening publicity, promotional and educational work on artificial intelligence and data security. The Government will continue to maintain close communication with the PCPD. Should the PCPD have actual operational needs and the Government's fiscal position permit, the Government will consider allocating additional capital subvention to the PCPD again.

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SV-CMAB001

(Question Serial No. SV001)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

According to the information on the voter registration dedicated website of the Registration and Electoral Office, the number of registered electors of geographical constituencies has decreased by over 330 000 in the past 5 financial years. Does the Government have a grasp of the reasons for such a significant drop in the number of registered electors, and will it adopt more proactive measures to encourage eligible persons to register as electors?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong

Reply:

The number of electors on the final register published each year is affected by the number of electors newly registered, deceased or removed through the statutory inquiry process. Statutory inquiry aims to uphold the accuracy and completeness of the information in the registers. In accordance with relevant electoral laws, the Electoral Registration Officer will include the electors who fail to respond to inquiry by the deadline in the omissions lists of the relevant year. Then, electors without any valid reply will be removed from the final register subsequently published. In the past few years, the number of newly registered electors was less than the number of electors deceased or removed through the statutory inquiry process. Thus, the overall number of registered electors has declined.

2. The Legislative Council General Election was conducted in 2025. The Registration and Electoral Office noticed that the number of newly registered electors last year was over 36 000, representing a 90% year-on-year increase. We will continue to collaborate with relevant departments to actively promote voter registration and disseminate election related messages through a multi-pronged approach. The voter registration campaign, apart from publicising to the general public, will also implement targeted measures for persons who are newly eligible to register such as those who have recently reached the age of 18 or just attained permanent residency. Such measures include setting up registration counters at the Registration of Persons Offices and the Right of Abode Section of the Immigration Department to facilitate registration on the spot; continuing to promote on campuses and collaborating with various bureaux to organise promotion activities targeted at young people; and continuing to work with relevant departments to liaise with support groups for new

immigrants and entrants admitted under talent/quality migrant admission schemes for publicity and appeals, etc.

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