

Telephone opinion survey on homosexuals will start tomorrow

The Home Affairs Bureau has commissioned MVA Hong Kong Limited to conduct a telephone opinion survey from tomorrow (October 22) to October 31 to assess public attitudes towards homosexuals.

A spokesman for the bureau said: "To ensure the questionnaire is fair and impartial, an independent Advisory Group, comprising Mr Christopher Chan Yiu-chong, Professor Fanny Cheung Mui-ching and Dr Priscilla Leung Mei-fun, was appointed in early 2005 to advise on the questionnaire design.

"The bureau also held several rounds of discussions with the sexual minorities, family values and religious groups on the structure and design of the questionnaire. The views of the concern groups have been taken into account by the Advisory Group in finalising the questionnaire."

Some 2,000 household members, aged from 18 to 64, will be randomly selected for telephone interviews. The households were randomly selected from the residential telephone directories.

"We appeal to the interviewees for their fullest co-operation in answering our questions.

"The survey will provide valuable information on public awareness of homosexuality, public acceptance of homosexuals, public attitudes towards homosexuals, discrimination faced by homosexuals and ways to address the problem of discrimination faced by homosexuals," the spokesman said.

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