

Appendix II - General Issues

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Summaries of Written/Oral Representations

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>DCCAs</i>	<i>No. *</i>		<i>Representations</i>	<i>EAC's views</i>
		<i>W</i>	<i>O</i>		
1	General views on the delineation	2	-	(a) Object to the requirement to adjust the constituency boundaries and propose to maintain the existing boundaries.	<u>Item (a)</u> According to the requirement of the EACO, for a DC ordinary election, the EAC must adhere to a set of statutory criteria and working principles, and the population distribution in the relevant districts to review the existing boundaries of DCCAs and submit a report to the CE on its recommendations concerning the boundaries of DCCAs.
		-	1	(b) Proposes to review the existing methods for calculating the population forecasts used by the AHSG because its projected figures are often very different from the actual population figures before 30 June 2015. Factors such as voter registration and the timing of occupation of buildings would affect the situation of community. It is considered that the EAC must set up a mechanism to review the existing system to ensure the accuracy of the projected figures.	<u>Item (b)</u> In accordance with section 20 of the EACO, in delineating the constituency boundaries, the EAC shall endeavor to project the total population of Hong Kong or any proposed constituency in the year in which the election, to which the recommendations relate, is to be held. In respect of the 2015 DC Election, as in the past, the AHSG provided the EAC with the necessary population forecasts. The AHSG, chaired by the PlanD and comprising members from various government departments, provided the required projected population figures based on a set of scientific and systematic methodology.

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		-	1	(c) Objects to re-delineating the boundaries with a view to retaining polling station in a particular DCCA because this would affect the overall number of electors and the integrity of the DCCA. It is proposed that subject to the circumstances of individual community, delineation should be along streets.	<u>Item (c)</u> The EAC must adhere to a set of statutory criteria as stated in the EACO and must be based on objective data of population distribution in delineating constituencies. Arrangements on polling station are not the factors of consideration in delineating constituencies.
		-	1	(d) Proposes that the names of DCCAs should be familiar to the electors as far as possible. The names of some DCCAs are long, using names of three places to form the DCCA name, e.g. F22 (Nam Shan, Tai Hang Tung & Tai Hang Sai).	<u>Item (d)</u> When naming a DCCA, the EAC will make reference to the major features, roads or residential settlements of the DCCA so as to make a recommendation on its name. The majority of the DCCA names under the provisional recommendations have been used for a long time. Change of the names may cause confusion to the public.
		1	-	(e) Satisfies with the arrangements for this public consultation. The document "The proposed boundaries of the DCCAs requiring adjustments in the 2015 DC Election" enables members of the public to know about the adjusted DCCAs and understand the reasons for adjustment so that they could examine in greater detail the rationale of the adjustments.	<u>Item (e)</u> The view is noted.
		-	1	(f) Considers that some DCCA boundary lines are not drawn perpendicular to the district boundary lines on the sea.	<u>Item (f)</u> The DCCA boundary lines are drawn perpendicular to the district boundary lines on the sea as far as possible. However, if there are geographical considerations, where appropriate, the DCCA

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					boundary lines will be adjusted to fit in the physical features of the area.
2	Electoral policy	1	-	(a) Proposes that the boundaries of DCCAs should adopt the delineation method for big constituencies (i.e. to elect more seats in one DCCA) and the existing delineation method for small constituencies (i.e. to elect one seat in one DCCA) be abolished. Besides, in delineating constituencies, one district could be delineated into 2-5 DCCAs and each DCCA has 5-10 seats or one district could be regarded as one DCCA. It is not necessary to re-delineate the DCCAs in every election.	<u>Items (a) and (b)</u> These proposals involve amendment to the DCO, which does not fall under the purview of the EAC. The EAC has referred these views to the CMAB for reference.
		-	1	(b) Proposes to review the existing statutory requirements, criteria and working principles in respect of delineation of constituencies because the growing population and the existing practice to delineate small constituencies have made the delineation exercise more difficult. For example, altering the boundary of certain DCCA may affect the sources of votes, which would likely lead to the opposition of DC members. Therefore, it is proposed to revise the statutory requirements to adopt the delineation method for big constituencies.	

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3	Arrangements on election	1	-	(a) Proposes to make voting mandatory so as to encourage members of the public to bear the civic responsibilities and enhance the legitimacy and credibility of the election as a whole. It is also proposed to set the polling day as a cooling-off period to allow the electors to consider their voting preference thoroughly and not to be affected by the external information. This would make the election fairer and more rational.	<u>Items (a) and (b)</u> These proposals involve amendment to the DCO, which does not fall under the purview of the EAC. The EAC has referred these views to the CMAB for reference.
		1	-	(b) In respect of the counting of votes, proposes to adopt the system of absolute majority and two rounds of voting.	