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Response by Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Mr Chan Chun Sing, to Member of Parliament, Mr Png Eng Huat, on Voting Process and Polling Stations during the Committee of Supply Debate 2018

Mr Chairman, let me take the cuts on ELD and CPIB on behalf of the Prime Minister.

2 First, may I thank Mr Png Eng Huat for your confidence on the secrecy of our voting processes and I would also like to thank you for your support for ELD's recent innovation on e-Registration and refinements to the layout of the polling station. We note your suggestion on the design of the booths and the reading out of the names.

3 Let me make a few clarifications. First on the booth design, we will continuously refine the booth design with our stakeholders. We actually have a new prototype for Presidential Election 2017 (PE2017) and we will continue to refine this as we go along.

4 On the second issue, we note your suggestion on the reading out of the names. May I just clarify that we do not read out the NRIC of the voters. What we do is that we read out the name and the serial number of the voter in the polling station register. So we thank you for your suggestions and we will take into account all these suggestions in the next review of the Parliamentary Elections Act.

5 And if I may inform the House, ELD has actually conducted roadshows and planned to introduce e-Registration at a few constituencies during PE2017. However, as PE2017 was not contested, ELD's current plan is to implement e-Registration for voters at the next election.