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## DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT PAPERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS USED IN GENERAL ELECTION 2015

In accordance with the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218), ballot papers and other documents used in an election shall be sealed and retained in safe custody for a period of 6 months, after which they shall be destroyed unless otherwise directed by order of the President. This is to ensure secrecy of the vote.

All sealed boxes containing ballot papers and other documents used in the General Election on 11 September 2015 will be transported from the Supreme Court, where they have been retained in safe custody, to the Tuas South Incineration Plant on 12 March 2016 for destruction by incineration.

Candidates who wish to witness the proceedings are requested to inform the Elections Department via email at <u>candidates@eld.gov.sg</u> by 11 March 2016, 12.00 noon.

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