

PRESS RELEASE

BY-ELECTION FOR BUKIT BATOK CONSTITUENCY

WRIT OF ELECTION

The President has issued the Writ of Election for Bukit Batok Constituency By-Election.

NOMINATION DAY

2 **Nomination Day is 27 April 2016 (Wednesday).**

NOMINATION PLACE

3 The Nomination Place is at Keming Primary School, 90 Bukit Batok East Avenue 6, Singapore 659762.

RETURNING OFFICER

4 The Returning Officer is Mr Ng Wai Choong, Chief Executive of the Energy Market Authority.

NOMINATION PAPER

5 Nomination papers can be collected at the office of the Returning Officer at Elections Department, 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday and between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Soft copies of the nomination paper can be downloaded from the Elections Department website.

6 The nomination paper must be filled up correctly and signed by the candidate and a proposer, a seconder and at least four assentors whose names appear in the current Register of Electors for Bukit Batok Constituency, and be delivered in duplicate to the Returning Officer at the Nomination Place between 11 a.m. and 12 noon on Nomination Day. The candidate must be accompanied by a proposer, a seconder and at least four assentors when delivering the nomination paper.

POLITICAL DONATION CERTIFICATE

7 Every candidate must also obtain a Political Donation Certificate from the Registrar of Political Donations. Application for the Certificate shall be made by submitting, in person or through an authorised representative, a pre-election donation report (Form 3) and a pre-election declaration (Form 4) to the Registrar of Political Donations at the Elections Department **not later than 23 April 2016 (Saturday), 1pm**. Application forms can be obtained from the Elections Department or downloaded from the Elections Department website.

ELECTION DEPOSIT

8 According to the Parliamentary Elections Act, the deposit per candidate is 8% of the total allowances payable to a Member of Parliament in the preceding calendar year and rounded to the nearest \$500. The deposit for a candidate shall, therefore, be \$13,500.

9 The deposit shall be paid in cash, or by bank draft or a cheque certified by the bank as good for payment of the sum specified therein (payable to "*Accountant-General, Singapore*"), not later than 12 noon on Nomination Day. Payment can be made at the Accountant-General's Department, 100 High Street, #06-01, The Treasury, Singapore 179434 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm on weekdays (excluding public holidays), or at the Nomination Place on Nomination Day.

POLLING DAY

10 The Returning Officer will declare **7 May 2016 (Saturday) to be Polling Day**, if the election is contested. Polling Day for the by-election is not a public holiday. However, every employer shall on Polling Day allow every elector in his employ a reasonable period of time for voting. Polling hours are from 8 am to 8 pm.

**ISSUED BY
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
20 April 2016**