

PRESS RELEASE

FALSEHOODS ON SELF-INKING PEN AND QUEUES IN POLLING STATIONS

The Elections Department (ELD) is aware that there is false information circulating online and on instant messaging platforms that the self-inking pens provided by ELD for GE2020 do not stamp properly, and that will render many votes invalid.

2. ELD would like to state categorically that this is not true. The self-inking pens allow voters to indicate their choice on the ballot papers clearly and easily, and make a stamp without having to press down hard on the ballot paper.
3. Ballot papers with more than one “x” or only a faint mark in the same box are still valid.
4. ELD is committed to ensuring voting security and secrecy, and has put in place rigorous controls at every step of the voting process to ensure this.
5. As of 11 am, ELD would like to update that the queues at polling stations have started to come down. However, we would like to remind younger voters to stick to your assigned voting time-bands in the afternoon as much as possible.

**ISSUED BY:
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

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