

PRESS RELEASE

DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT PAPERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS USED IN GENERAL ELECTION 2020

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.

On 16 January 2021, all sealed boxes containing ballot papers and other documents used in the General Election on 10 July 2020 will be transported from the Supreme Court, where they have been retained in safe custody, to the Tuas South Incineration Plant for destruction by incineration.

As mentioned in the Elections Department's (ELD) press release of 5 October 2020, a copy of the register of electors for polling district PN23 of Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC was accidentally sealed in a box containing ballot papers. With the order issued by the President, the box will be opened at Supreme Court so that the register can be retrieved, for the purpose of preparing the list of electors in PN23 who did not vote at the election. Thereafter, the box will be re-sealed and sent for destruction, together with the other boxes.

Due to COVID-19, ELD will be putting in place safe management measures during the proceedings at both locations, including limiting the number of representatives from political parties who can be present to witness the proceedings. ELD has reached out to the political parties to nominate their respective representatives.

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