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Written Reply to Parliamentary Question on the Breakdown of Number of Citizens on Register of Electors for General Election Held In 2011, 2015 and 2020

Question:

Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Prime Minister for each General Election held in 2011, 2015 and 2020 (a) what was the number of citizens (i) aged 21 and above, on the cut-off date for registration on the Register of Electors and (ii) on the Register of Electors, both numbers broken down by age band, gender and ethnicity; and (b) what was the number of citizens aged 21 and above not on the Register of Electors, broken down by age band, gender, ethnicity, and duration they have been struck off the Register.

Written reply by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister of Trade and Industry, for the Prime Minister:

Under Section 5 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, persons who are eligible to vote will have their names entered or retained in the registers automatically when the registers are prepared or revised. The Registers of Electors (REs) are compiled from records of NRIC holders kept by the Commissioner of National Registration by applying the qualifying criteria as set out below:

- (a) is a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) is not less than 21 years of age;
- (c) is not disqualified from being an elector under any prevailing law; and
- (d) (i) has a Singapore residential address on his NRIC; or
(ii) if he is residing overseas, and has changed his NRIC address to an overseas address, has a contact address in Singapore registered with the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (also known as a Local Contact Address).

2 For the General Elections (GEs) held in 2011, 2015 and 2020, the prescribed dates of the REs were 1 January 2011, 1 February 2015 and 1 March 2020 respectively. Table A below shows the total population of Singapore Citizens (SCs) aged 21 and above (a) as of the prescribed dates of the REs, (b) who met the qualifying criteria to be a voter and were included in the REs, and (c) the remaining SCs aged 21 and above who were not included in the REs. Further breakdown by age-bands, gender and ethnicity are in Tables B1 to B3.

Table A: No. of SCs (aged 21 and above)

| Type | No. of SCs | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | GE2011 | GE2015 | GE2020 |
| As of prescribed date of the REs (A) | 2,451,626 | 2,623,477 | 2,825,703 |
| As of prescribed date of the REs and met the qualifying criteria, i.e. included in the REs (B) | 2,350,873 | 2,462,926 | 2,651,435 |
| Excluded from the REs (A – B) | 100,753 | 160,551 | 174,268 |

Table B1: No. of SCs, breakdown by age-bands

| Age-bands | No. of SCs | | |
|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| | (a) As of prescribed date of the REs/ (b) Included in the REs/ (c) Excluded from the REs | | |
| | GE2011 | GE2015 | GE2020 |
| 21 – 29 | 389,282 | 427,978 | 439,184 |
| | 385,339 | 416,899 | 429,866 |
| | 3,943 | 11,079 | 9,318 |
| 30 – 39 | 446,230 | 440,125 | 471,443 |
| | 433,013 | 412,906 | 443,838 |
| | 13,217 | 27,219 | 27,605 |
| 40 – 49 | 533,937 | 508,507 | 488,584 |
| | 510,507 | 474,052 | 457,466 |
| | 23,430 | 34,455 | 31,118 |
| 50 – 59 | 533,316 | 567,426 | 544,811 |
| | 509,991 | 533,075 | 511,195 |
| | 23,325 | 34,351 | 33,616 |
| 60 – 69 | 301,579 | 396,666 | 492,921 |
| | 291,833 | 378,269 | 465,670 |
| | 9,746 | 18,397 | 27,251 |
| 70 – 79 | 155,727 | 174,004 | 249,439 |
| | 151,759 | 167,567 | 237,017 |
| | 3,968 | 6,437 | 12,422 |
| 80 and above | 91,555 | 108,771 | 139,321 |
| | 68,431 | 80,158 | 106,383 |
| | 23,124 | 28,613 | 32,938 |
| Total | 2,451,626 | 2,623,477 | 2,825,703 |
| | 2,350,873 | 2,462,926 | 2,651,435 |
| | 100,753 | 160,551 | 174,268 |

Table B2: No. of SCs, breakdown by gender

| Gender | No. of SCs | | |
|--------|--|-----------|-----------|
| | (a) As of prescribed date of the REs/ (b) Included in the REs/ (c) Excluded from the REs | | |
| | GE2011 | GE2015 | GE2020 |
| Male | 1,208,696 | 1,289,926 | 1,383,705 |
| | 1,150,551 | 1,202,028 | 1,289,234 |
| | 58,145 | 87,898 | 94,471 |
| Female | 1,242,930 | 1,333,551 | 1,441,998 |
| | 1,200,322 | 1,260,898 | 1,362,201 |
| | 42,608 | 72,653 | 79,797 |
| Total | 2,451,626 | 2,623,477 | 2,825,703 |
| | 2,350,873 | 2,462,926 | 2,651,435 |
| | 100,753 | 160,551 | 174,268 |

Table B3: No. of SCs, breakdown by ethnicity

| Ethnicity | No. of SCs | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| | (a) As of prescribed date of the REs/ (b) Included in the REs/ (c) Excluded from the REs | | |
| | GE2011 | GE2015 | GE2020 |
| Chinese | 1,914,159 | 2,037,979 | 2,183,724 |
| | 1,852,500 | 1,936,108 | 2,072,642 |
| | 61,659 | 101,871 | 111,082 |
| Malay | 325,434 | 354,225 | 386,282 |
| | 310,184 | 329,477 | 358,839 |
| | 15,250 | 24,748 | 27,443 |
| Indian | 182,220 | 197,813 | 216,193 |
| | 162,033 | 169,617 | 186,856 |
| | 20,187 | 28,196 | 29,337 |
| Others | 29,813 | 33,460 | 39,504 |
| | 26,156 | 27,724 | 33,098 |
| | 3,657 | 5,736 | 6,406 |
| Total | 2,451,626 | 2,623,477 | 2,825,703 |
| | 2,350,873 | 2,462,926 | 2,651,435 |
| | 100,753 | 160,551 | 174,268 |

3 The Elections Department does not track the duration an individual voter has been expunged from the REs.