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Written Reply to Parliamentary Question on the Election Expenditures for 2011, 2015 and 2020 General Elections

Question:

Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Prime Minister how much is the Government's spending on organising and running the General Elections in 2011, 2015 and 2020 respectively, including but not limited to the cost of manpower, security, publicity and materials.

Written Reply by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister of Education, for the Prime Minister:

The expenditures incurred by the Elections Department (ELD) for the 2011, 2015 and 2020 General Elections were \$13.5m, \$23.2m and \$30.3m respectively.

2 Across elections, expenditure will fluctuate depending on manpower, information technology, transport, and other logistical needs. For example, GE2015 was fully contested unlike GE2011, and more election officials were deployed. Higher logistics costs were also incurred as election equipment such as polling booths and counting tables were due for replacement. In GE2020, which was held during the COVID-19 pandemic, almost \$8m were spent on safe management measures.