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Written Reply to Parliamentary Question on Who is Eligible to be The Returning Officer for Singapore's Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

Question:

Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Prime Minister (a) who is eligible to be the Returning Officer (RO) for Singapore's presidential and parliamentary elections; (b) how is the RO selected; and (c) what are the considerations behind the selection of the RO.

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

Under the law, the Prime Minister appoints the Returning Officer (RO).

2 As the RO oversees the conduct of elections, the RO should be a senior public officer with relevant experience, such as having held a senior election appointment in previous elections.