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Written Reply to Parliamentary Question on The Terms of Reference Provided to an Electoral Boundaries Review Committee (EBRC) and The Principles Underlying How Terms of Reference for EBRC Are Being Determined

Question:

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the terms of reference provided to an Electoral Boundaries Review Committee (EBRC); (b) what are the principles underlying how terms of reference for EBRC are being determined; and (c) whether such decision is made by the Prime Minister.

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

The Electoral Boundaries Review Committee, or EBRC in short, has not been convened. When the EBRC is convened, the Prime Minister will set out the Terms of Reference for the committee.

2 Based on the Terms of Reference for past committees, the EBRC will review the electoral boundaries and recommend the size and the number of Group Representation Constituencies (GRCs) and Single Member Constituencies (SMCs). In its review, the EBRC should consider significant changes in the number of electors in each electoral division as a result of population shifts and housing developments since the last boundary delineation exercise. For the last three General Elections, the Prime Minister also directed the EBRC to reduce the size of GRCs and to create more SMCs.