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Written Reply to Parliamentary Question on How Many Singaporeans Aged Above 21 Years Old Are Currently Not on The Electoral Register

Question:

Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many Singaporeans aged above 21 years old are currently not on the electoral register; and (b) of which, what is the respective number of these Singaporeans who are (i) former convicts and (ii) Singaporeans with an overseas address registered on their NRIC.

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

As at 1 December 2023, there were 314,599 Singaporeans aged 21 years old and above who were not in the Registers of Electors. This is about 10% of Singaporeans aged 21 years and above and comprises non-voters from previous elections who have yet to restore themselves to the Registers, and those who turned 21 years old after the last revision of the Registers in July 2023. Based on the latest data from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, there were some 30,000 overseas Singaporeans who had an overseas address on their NRICs but whose names were not in the Registers of Electors because they did not furnish a valid local contact address. A proportion of those whose names are not in the Registers are likely to be Singaporeans overseas who, while they still have a local address, have not voted at an election and have not applied to restore their names to the Registers.

2 The Elections Department does not track how many of those not in the Registers of Electors are former convicts.