



Rural

Committee Elections Information Booklet

Abide by the Rules
Support Clean Elections



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* Throughout this Information Booklet, the "male" pronoun is used to cover references to both the male and female. No gender preference is intended.

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In maintaining an harmonious relationship, I wine and dine with the Village Representatives, hosting meals for them now and then. Is it an offence if I treat them to meals for soliciting their support when I stand as a candidate in the Rural Committee Election?

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- Treating electors for gaining their votes is an offence under the ECICO. S.12 of ECICO makes it clear that if a person provides or meets all or part of the cost for the provision of any food, drink or entertainment to another person as an inducement to or a reward for that person to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate, or not to vote at an election, he will be guilty of an offence. In the circumstances quoted, both the person offering the entertainment and those soliciting/accepting it will commit an offence.
- Nonetheless, a candidate will not contravene the law if the meal hosted by him for the Village Representatives is not related to his electioneering for the Rural Committee Election.

