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Village Representative Elections

Information Booklet



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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.*

Q11: I am preparing to stand as a candidate and contest the office of a resident representative in the upcoming Village Representative Election. Having resided in the village for a long time, I am well acquainted with many indigenous inhabitants who have pledged to lend full support to my election and vote for me. What particular issues do they need to take note of in order to avoid contravening the law?

A11: • The said indigenous inhabitants must ensure that they have the right to vote at a particular election before voting lest they may contravene S.16 of the ECICO. This provision clearly states that a person who votes at an election knowing that he is not entitled to do so has committed a corrupt conduct. The indigenous inhabitants in question therefore have to ascertain their eligibility to vote at the relevant resident representative election before casting their votes. They should also take note that according to the Village Representative Election Ordinance, a person is eligible to be registered as an elector for the Village Representative Elections only if he is a resident of the village and has been a resident of the village for the 3 years immediately before the date of application for registration. An elector of the Resident Representative Election will therefore be disqualified from voting in the election if he no longer resides in the village for which he is registered.

(Please refer to pages 32-33 in Part II for the relevant provisions.)