

CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE DISTRICT COUNCIL APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

The Law Society has reviewed the Consultation Paper and has the following submissions:-

(a) How to abolish the remaining 68 appointed seats?

The Law Society supports the abolition of all appointed seats in one term, namely the District Council term to commence on 1 January 2016 and for all members to be returned by election.

(b) Any other views on this issue?

The Government notes a current District Councillor serves some 17,300 people. The Government should maintain the current ratio. The Electoral Affairs Commission should review the constituency boundaries on a regular basis to ensure they remain up-to-date and reflect the population changes in the community.

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