

CHAPTER 3

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Section 1 : Public Consultation Period and Public Forum

3.1 Pursuant to the requirement under section 19 of the EACO, the EAC has conducted a public consultation for a period of 30 days on its provisional recommendations from 2 May 2025 to 31 May 2025. During the public consultation period, members of the public could send their written representations to the EAC to express their views on the EAC's provisional recommendations on the boundaries and names of the GCs.

3.2 During the public consultation period, the EAC explained to the public the provisional recommendations on the proposed GC boundaries and names via various means, including making the consultation documents and maps showing the proposed GC boundaries available for public inspection at the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of all District Offices, the Registration and Electoral Office, Philatelic Offices of Hongkong Post, management offices of all public housing estates, and all major and district public libraries. The information was also uploaded onto the EAC's website for public viewing.

3.3 Besides, the public consultation was also widely publicised by the EAC through Announcements in the Public Interest on TV and radio, press releases, newspaper advertisements, posters, the websites of the EAC

and government departments, as well as Government Gazette.

3.4 On the first day of the public consultation period (i.e. 2 May 2025), the EAC held a press conference to announce the commencement of the public consultation on the provisional recommendations, and appealed to members of the public to actively participate in the public consultation and express their views by submitting written representations or attending the public forum.

3.5 The public forum was conducted from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on 19 May 2025 at the Multi-purpose Hall, 3/F, City Gallery, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central, where the participating members of the public could express their oral views to the EAC directly. The EAC also showed the relevant maps and information in the public forum to facilitate the participants to better understand the content of and the relevant considerations for the provisional recommendations.

Section 2 : Number of Representations Received

3.6 During the public consultation period, the EAC has received a total of 55 written representations. As for the public forum held on 19 May 2025, 30 persons attended and the participating members made two oral representations.

3.7 Copies of all the written representations and a summary of oral representations are recorded in Part II of this volume.