

**The Combined Polling Arrangements –
Polling Stations for Various Types of Electors
in a Legislative Council General Election**

1. A Legislative Council (“LegCo”) general election consists of elections of 10 geographical constituencies (“GCs”), 28 functional constituencies (“FCs”) and the Election Committee constituency (“ECC”).
2. Elections of GCs adopt the “double seats and single vote” voting system, i.e. there are two seats in each GC and each elector may vote for one candidate on the ballot paper. The two candidates who obtain the greatest numbers of votes will be returned as the members of the relevant GC. For FCs, the “first past the post” voting system applies. Electors for an FC may vote for candidate(s) up to the number of seats to be elected for the relevant FC. Candidate(s) who obtain(s) the greatest numbers of votes shall be returned in the election. For the ECC, the “block vote” voting system is adopted, i.e. each elector shall vote for no more or no less than 40 candidates on the ballot paper. A ballot paper marked with more than or less than 40 candidates will be considered invalid. The 40 candidates who obtain the greatest numbers of votes shall be returned in the election.
3. An elector can purely be an elector for a GC, whereas an individual elector in an FC must be a registered GC elector who has also been registered as an elector in the FC and remains qualified to be so registered. An elector for the ECC must be a member of the Election Committee (“EC”) and must also be a registered GC elector.
4. A person cannot be an elector for more than one of the FCs.
5. Members of 10 GCs will be returned by individual electors, while members of some of the 28 FCs will be returned by corporate electors. To vote in the relevant FC, a corporate elector must appoint an authorised representative (“AR”) to cast the vote on its behalf. An AR must be a GC elector (see para. 3.7 of Chapter 3). A person who is an AR of a corporate elector in one FC cannot be appointed as the AR of a corporate elector in another FC, but he can be an elector in another FC. Therefore, a person who is an elector in an FC can also be an AR in another FC.

6. An elector only needs to go to one polling station to cast all entitled votes. Under the combined polling arrangements, each GC elector is allocated to a polling station according to his residential address in the final register for GCs to cast his vote at GC and FC (if applicable), save for registered electors imprisoned or held in custody by the law enforcement agencies who will be assigned to vote at the dedicated polling stations as appropriate. An ECC elector needs to go to the designated polling station for ECC to cast the vote. At the polling station or dedicated polling station, the number of ballot papers to be issued to a GC elector will be in accordance with his overall entitlement as a GC elector, an FC elector, and/or an AR for an FC and/or an ECC elector.
7. Electors/ARs will receive ballot papers corresponding to their designated constituency (see para. 9 of this appendix), and according to the number of ballot papers issued to them, each elector/AR will also be provided with a cardboard(s) with different colour for identification, to ensure that all issued ballot papers have been put into the ballot box before the elector/AR exits the polling station. The cardboard(s) must be returned to the polling staff manning the ballot boxes after the elector/AR has put his ballot paper(s) into the ballot box(es) before leaving the polling station.
8. At most three kinds of ballot boxes (as the case may be) in different colours will be provided in each polling station:
 - (a) ballot box for GCs;
 - (b) ballot box for FCs; and
 - (c) ballot box for the ECC.
9. Overall, six scenarios may arise under the aforementioned polling arrangements. The scenarios are tabulated below and explained one by one for reference.

The Six Scenarios under the Polling Arrangements

	Type of Elector/AR			No. of Ballot Papers Issued
	GC	FC	ECC	
Scenario 1	Yes			1
Scenario 2	Yes	Elector or AR		2
Scenario 3	Yes	Elector and AR		3
Scenario 4	Yes		Yes	2
Scenario 5	Yes	Elector or AR	Yes	3
Scenario 6	Yes	Elector and AR	Yes	4