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From : Electoral Commissioner

To : Heads of Ministries/Departments

**APPLICATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WILLING TO WORK FOR ELECTIONS
AND/OR "HOUSE-TO-HOUSE ENQUIRIES (CANVASS)"**

My Office is presently updating the list of eligible public officers who are willing to work for elections and/or "house-to-house enquiries".

2. As you may be aware, election work requires the release of officers from their official duties for a few days, whereas the "house-to-house enquiry" is invariably performed outside normal office hours. Both duties are remunerated at rates approved by the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service.

3. The relevant application form (*in recto and verso*) is herewith annexed for photocopying and distribution to public officers of your Ministry/Department whose release for the above-mentioned exercises would not unduly affect the work of your department.

4. It is emphasized that the following officers are **not eligible** to work for the said exercises:

- (a) those who have taken up employment in parastatal and statutory bodies, local authorities or the private sector;
- (b) those who are on leave without pay (except for study purposes);
- (c) those who are employed in the service on a contract basis; and
- (d) those who are under interdiction.

5. Officers from the grades of "workmen class" are not eligible; however they may be enlisted to work in exceptional cases, where there is a shortage of civil servants.

6. The completed application forms should **bear the official seal** of your Ministry/Department and should be submitted to this office along with **a list of the names of applicants by 31 May 2017 at latest.**

7. Officers should be duly informed -

- (a) of the conditions for eligibility to work for the above exercises (as laid down at Paragraphs 4 and 5);
- (b) **not to apply directly to this Office (either personally or by letter) to offer their services;**

- (c) that incomplete, wrong or inaccurate application forms as well as those not bearing the official seal of the Ministry/Department will not be considered;
- (d) **that those who have worked for previous elections and/or “house-to-house enquiries” and/or who have submitted applications in the past should ALSO submit fresh applications;** and
- (e) that individual or late applications will **not** be considered, nor will the receipt of such letters be acknowledged.

8. Application forms can also be downloaded from our website at <http://electoral.govmu.org>

9. As in the past my Office relies on the entire co-operation of all Heads of Ministries/Departments so that **all eligible officers, including those posted in the different sections, outstations or branches** under their aegis, and those **on leave**, are given an opportunity to submit their application forms **in due time**.

10. Your cooperation and assistance will be much appreciated.

(M. I. ABDOOL RAHMAN)
Electoral Commissioner