

PROCESS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS PROPOSED AS NOMINATED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

The Special Select Committee's (Committee) process for the consideration of persons proposed as Nominated Members of Parliament (NMPs) is as follows:

STEP 1

The general public is invited to submit names of persons to the Special Select Committee of Parliament, for nomination by the Committee for appointment by the President as NMPs.

STEP 2

After the closing date, the Committee will consult elected Members of Parliament and seek their comments on the persons proposed.

STEP 3

The Committee will assess all applications and consider the comments received from elected Members of Parliament. In deliberating on the persons to interview, the Committee is guided by the criteria set out in Section 3(2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

STEP 4

The Committee will meet over a few days to interview candidates.

STEP 5

Following the interviews, the Committee will discuss and agree on the persons to nominate for appointment by the President as NMPs. In its deliberations, the Committee is guided by the criteria set out in Section 3(2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, which provides that the persons to be nominated:

- shall be persons who have rendered distinguished public service, or who have brought honour to the Republic, or who have distinguished themselves in the field of arts and letters, culture, the sciences, business, industry, the professions, social or community service or the labour movement; and
- will be able to reflect as wide a range of independent and non-partisan views as possible.

STEP 6

The Committee will submit a list of persons to the President for appointment as NMPs and thereafter publish its report to Parliament.

STEP 7

The persons proposed by the Committee will be appointed as NMPs by the President and presented with their Instruments of Appointment at the Istana.

STEP 8

The NMPs will take their Oaths of Allegiance at a sitting in Parliament.