

Elected presidency review

		CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS	GOVERNMENT'S VIEW
MULTI-RACIAL REPRESENTATION			
Ensure representation of all races		If a racial group has not been represented after 5 continuous terms, only candidates from that racial group can contest in the next election.	Agree
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
Private-sector eligibility criteria		■ Most senior executive position ■ S\$500m shareholders' equity ■ Net profitability during entire period of office ■ No insolvency process within 3 years of ceasing to hold office	Agree
Public-sector qualifying offices		■ Remove Accountant-General and Auditor-General from list of offices that automatically qualify	Disagree; retaining existing position for now
Other eligibility-related recommendations	Minimum tenure	6 years	Disagree; retaining existing position of 3 years minimum tenure
	Aggregation of terms	Allow applicant to aggregate tenures, but not across private- and public-sectors	Agree
	Currency of experience	Qualifying tenure should fall within 15 years of presidential election	Agree with modifications: applicant's qualifying tenure must fall wholly or partly within 20 years of presidential election
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS (CPA)			
Role and composition of CPA		■ President obliged to consult CPA before exercising discretion on all fiscal matters touching on reserves, and all matters relating to key appointments ■ Same matters subject to Parliamentary override	Agree
		■ Calibrate Parliamentary majority required for override, against CPA's support level	Disagree; retaining current approach with more stringent threshold
		■ Increase number of members from 6 to 8 ■ Stipulate general criteria for members (e.g. must have relevant experience, and add to diversity of CPA's experience)	Agree
ELECTIONS VS APPOINTMENTS			
How the President should be chosen		■ Revert to system of appointing Presidents ■ Assign custodial role to an appointed body	Disagree; retaining elected presidency