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AGC LLRD survey to improve and modernise Singapore statute book

The Attorney-General's Chambers, Legislation and Law Reform Division (AGC LLRD), is the central legislative drafting office of Singapore. Its mission is to deliver legislative drafting and legislative consultancy services to the Government to implement its policies which require legislation.

Recently, AGC LLRD embarked on a project called PLUS or "Plain Laws Understandable by Singaporeans", to improve accessibility to and modernise the text and design of the Singapore statute book, comprising all of Singapore's written laws.

The first phase of the PLUS project was an online public survey to better understand the needs, preferences and expectations of the users of Singapore's legislation. The online public survey was conducted over a period of one month from 12 November to 12 December 2013.

In total, 1,058 respondents participated in the survey. The respondents comprised administrators or regulators (46.1%), the general public (34.3%), legal professionals (17.1%), non-law students (5.8%), law students (5.5%), the judiciary (4.5%), the law academia (1.4%), librarians (1.2%) and parliamentarians (0.6%). The majority of the respondents were aged 20 to 49 years old (80.3%) with at least a university degree as their highest educational qualification (78.9%). A more detailed report of the survey results will be released soon on AGC LLRD's web page.