

Annex B – Public Engagements on the Maintenance of Racial Harmony Bill

MHA engaged the public widely on the Bill, including an online public consultation via MDDI's REACH website which received **more than 100 pieces of feedback**, as well as **17 in-person engagement sessions, covering close to 300** members of the public, community leaders, and representatives of race-based entities. The in-person engagements included:

- National Steering Committee on Racial and Religious Harmony;
- Youth;
- Members of the public;
- Community and Grassroots Organisations (including OnePeople.SG, People's Association, Harmony Circles, Dialogue Centre, The Whitehatters, etc.);
- Academics;
- Race-based entities.

Overall, there was strong support for the Bill. Most of the respondents agreed that the proposals in the Bill were relevant and important for safeguarding racial harmony in Singapore. However, some respondents shared feedback and concerns that the Bill may discourage legitimate discussions on race. Community stakeholders who were engaged were keen to lend their support to the implementation of the Community Remedial Initiative.