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Good morning,

I have recently returned from semi permanent living in Bulgaria, Eastern Europe and I became aware of the difficulties in voting whilst there. There was a general election and I think my vote did not get in time and I would like to see in future that all expats have the ability to vote and that we do not become disenfranchised due to any time that we live overseas. I understand that there are many many people who have lived overseas for some time and cannot vote so I would encourage your department to establish a contact/communication base that would keep everyone in the loop regarding their country.

I understand that Anne McGregor from the Southern Cross Group has been working with your office and the relevant departments and Ministry and I would encourage you to communicate with her.

I hope that is email will be added to the communications before the deadline.

Many thanks Sincerly Roger F Dine (JP)