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1,500 deny sending in opinions

THE Basic Law Consultative Committee has received more than 1,500 phone calls from members of the public who deny submitting views to the committee.

The calls were made to the committee secretariat after the people received the committee's acknowledgment letters on submissions. At the end of the five-month consultation period last month more than 73,000 submissions, including 62,000 pre-printed forms submitted by the democratic coalition, were received by the committee.

The BLCC has not requested police investigations into the "false" submissions. Nor has the committee looked into the causes of these incidents.

A BLCC spokesman said after receiving written confirmation from the callers, the submissions in question would be cancelled.

The BLCC is busily compiling a 17-section report on the draft Basic Law which will be submitted to the drafting committee of consideration at the end of this month. This followed a five-month consultation exercise on the draft that ended last month.

The main report includes 15 discussion papers on separate topics, a report on how the exercise is to be conducted and a collection of all forms of opinions attached to different articles.

The BLCC's executive committee is to hold an adjourned meeting tomorrow to endorse the reports from its six special groups.

The spokesman expected the main report could be submitted to the BLDC after October 25.