

Powers and functions of the Legislative Council



As provided for in Article 73 of the Basic Law, the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region exercises the following powers and functions:

- To enact, amend or repeal laws in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law and legal procedures
- To examine and approve budgets introduced by the Government
- To approve taxation and public expenditure
- To receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive
- To raise questions on the work of the Government
- To debate any issue concerning public interests
- To endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court
- To receive and handle complaints from Hong Kong residents
- To report a motion of impeachment passed against the Chief Executive to the Central People's Government
- To summon, as required when exercising the above-mentioned powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence