

Monitor the work of the Government



Raise questions and move motions for debate

Members monitor the work of the Government through raising questions or moving motions for debate at Legislative Council meetings. Members may address questions to the Government on its work, either to seek information or ask for official action with regard to a particular matter. In addition, Members may debate motions not intended to have legislative effect to express their views on issues concerning public interest or call on the Government to take certain actions.

Consider reports of the Director of Audit

The Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council considers reports of the Director of Audit on the Government's accounts, and the results of value for money audits of the Government and other organizations which are within the purview of public audit. It may invite public officers and senior staff of public organizations to attend public hearings to give explanation, evidence or information, or any other person to assist it in relation to such explanation, evidence or information if considered necessary.



Examine government policies

The Legislative Council establishes Panels to monitor and examine government policies. Panels provide a forum for Members to deliberate on policy matters and to study issues of public concern relating to the policy areas of their corresponding bureaux. They also give views on major legislative and financial proposals before their introduction into the Council or Finance Committee.