

LegCo Meeting

Q: What goes on at a LegCo meeting?

A: The Council normally meets every Wednesday at 11 am to conduct its business. The normal business includes tabling of subsidiary legislation, papers and reports; asking of questions for replies by government officials; consideration of bills; and debates on motions of public interest.

Q: How long is the meeting?

A: There is no firm end time for a LegCo meeting. Normally, the [LegCo President](#) will order the close of the meeting after finishing all the business on the agenda. If Members cannot finish the business on the agenda in the evening of the meeting date, the President will suspend the meeting and order that it be resumed on the following day for the continuation of business.



Q: What language can LegCo Members use during a meeting?

A: Members may address the Council in either Cantonese, Putonghua or English. Simultaneous interpretation service is provided for members of the public observing the meeting to understand the proceedings.

Q: Do Members have time to have a meal during such a long meeting? Can they eat in the Chamber?

A: Once a Council meeting starts, it runs continuously, and Members will not be

given any break. If the need arises, Members can have their meal in the Dining Hall of the LegCo Building while following the meeting via television sets which broadcast the meeting live. You may not know this: according to tradition, Members can only consume beverages when attending meetings in the Chamber.