

Functions and Powers of LegCo

Q: What kind of institution is LegCo?

A: Under the Basic Law, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is vested with legislative power and LegCo is the legislature of the Region.

Q: How many Members are there for the Forth LegCo? How were they returned?

A: The Fourth LegCo consists of 60 Members, with 30 of them returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and the other 30 returned by functional constituencies. The term of office of the Fourth LegCo spans from 2008 to 2012. The President of LegCo is elected by and from among LegCo Members.



Q: What are the functions of LegCo?

A: The main functions of LegCo are to enact laws, control public expenditure, and monitor the work of the Government. LegCo is also given the power to endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court, as well as the power to impeach the Chief Executive.

Q: How do LegCo Members discharge their duties?

A: Apart from attending LegCo meetings to handle LegCo business, Members also

monitor the work of the Government through the 18 Panels under LegCo. [Bills Committees](#) are formed, by the [House Committee](#) as the need arises, to scrutinize bills submitted by the Government or Members.