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Fact Sheet

Legislative Council in figures

(data as at 31 January 2016)

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Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

	Fourth Legislative Council (2008-2012)	Fifth Legislative Council (2012-2016)
Members	60	70
Returned by geographical constituencies	30	35
Returned by functional constituencies	30	35
Number of male and female Members		
Male	48 ⁽¹⁾	58 ⁽²⁾
Female	11	11

Notes: (1) One male Member returned by functional constituency resigned from office as a Member of the Legislative Council on 29 July 2012. As such, the Fourth Legislative Council comprised 48 male Members and 11 female Members when the term ended in September 2012.

(2) One male Member returned by geographical constituency resigned from office as a Member of the Legislative Council on 1 October 2015. Hence, at present, there are 58 male Members and 11 female Members.

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Fifth Legislative Council

Average age	58 years old
Age of youngest Member	36 years old
Age of oldest Member	79 years old
Place of birth	Hong Kong (51 Members)
First-time Members	28 Members
Members who are currently Executive Council Members	Three Members
Members returned uncontested	16 Members
Members' occupation	Full-time Legislator (25 Members) ⁽³⁾ Businessman/Businesswoman (14 Members) Lawyer (six Members) Educator and Trade Unionist (five Members each) Medical Practitioner and Social Worker (two Members each) Accountant, Banker, Engineer, Executive, Head of Policy Institute, Head of Political Institute, Media Freelancer, Securities Dealer, Surveyor, and Tax Consultant (one Member each)
Academic attainment	Tertiary and above (64 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (32 Members) Doctorate Degree (12 Members)

Note: (3) Seven of the 25 full-time legislators also serve as District Council members.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package

	1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2016
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	181,540	186,080
President's Deputy cum Chairman of the House Committee	136,160	139,560
Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	90,770	93,040
Member who serves on the Executive Council	60,510	62,030
End-of-service gratuity⁽⁴⁾		
Each Member	15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁵⁾	15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁵⁾
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$)⁽⁴⁾		
Each Member	31,610	32,400
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation ⁽⁶⁾	not exceeding 2,327,330	not exceeding 2,385,510
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 198,890	not exceeding 203,860
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(99,445)	(101,930)
President's yearly entertainment reimbursement (HK\$)	199,080	204,060
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(59,720)	(61,220)

Notes: (4) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members have been provided with an annual accountable medical allowance and an end-of-service gratuity.

(5) An end-of-term gratuity equivalent to 15% of the remuneration that a Member receives during the term of office of the Legislative Council will be payable to the Member upon the end of that term, provided that he or she completes the term of office.

(6) With effect from the Fifth Legislative Council, any unused balances of the office operation expenses reimbursement can be carried forward for use until the end of the existing term.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package (cont'd)

	1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2016
Per term/one-off expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Setting up and information technology expenses reimbursement	250,000	250,000
(for Members who have claimed any setting up expenses reimbursement in the previous term)	(175,000)	(175,000)
Winding up expenses reimbursement	193,944 plus actual severance pay	198,793 plus actual severance pay

Table 4 – Number of Legislative Council Committees

	2014-2015	2015-2016 (14 Oct 2015 – 31 Jan 2016)
Standing Committees ⁽⁷⁾ , the House Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure and the Committee on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records	6	6
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committee(s) ⁽⁸⁾	21	8
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels)	18(9)	18(8)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁸⁾	31	15
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation]	8	6
Select Committee	1	1
Investigation Committee	-	-

Notes: (7) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members' Interests.

(8) The figures refer to the number of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation that have completed their work.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016 (14 Oct 2015 – 31 Jan 2016)
Council meetings	38	37	36	35	15
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	136	123	101	136	102
Bills passed	33	14	19	23	5
Questions	1 501	1 525	1 411	1 441	614
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	38	42	37	39	11
Passed	36	42	35	38	11
Motions under the <i>Basic Law</i>					
Moved	1 ⁽⁹⁾	2 ⁽¹⁰⁾	-	3 ⁽¹¹⁾	0
Passed	1	1	-	1	0
Motions moved under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance					
Moved	-	-	-	4 ⁽¹²⁾	1
Passed	-	-	-	0	0
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	9	5	9	3 ⁽¹³⁾	5
Passed	2	1	3	0	0
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved	37	54	38	31 ⁽¹⁴⁾	10
Passed	23	30	26	14	6

Notes: (9) These motions were moved under Article 73(7) of the *Basic Law*, which states that the Legislative Council shall "endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court".

(10) The motions were moved respectively under Articles 73(7) and 73(9) of the *Basic Law*. According to Article 73(9), "[i]f a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the members of the Legislative Council charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision".

(11) The figure includes two motions that were moved under Article 75 of the *Basic Law* to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council, and one motion that was moved by the Government to amend Annex I to the *Basic Law* concerning the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

(12) Before 2014-2015, these motions were grouped under "Motions relating to procedural matters".

(13) From 2014-2015 onwards, the figure includes motions that were moved under Rule 40, 55 and 91 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council to adjourn the debate or the proceedings of a committee of the whole Council.

(14) From 2014-2015 onwards, the figure includes motions that were moved under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedures of the Legislative Council to adjourn the Council.

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