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Under the Basic Law, the Executive Council is an organ for assisting the Chief Executive in policy-making. The Executive Council normally meets once a week. The Chief Executive presides over its meetings. Except for the appointment, removal and discipline of officials and the adoption of measures in emergencies, the Chief Executive consults the Executive Council on all major policy matters. If the Chief Executive does not accept a majority opinion of the Executive Council, he is required to put the specific reasons on record.

Members tender their advice individually, but the Council's conclusions are presented as collective decisions.

Appointment and Removal of Executive Council Members

Article 55 of the Basic Law stipulates that the Chief Executive shall appoint members of the Executive Council from among principal officials, members of the Legislative Council and the community. At present, the membership of the Executive Council comprises the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Justice, together with 9 non-officials of whom one serves as the Convenor. Members' appointment or removal is decided by the Chief Executive.

Members of the Executive Council have to be Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with no right of abode in any foreign country.

Terms of Office of Executive Council Members

Members hold office for a period no longer than the expiry of the term of office of the Chief Executive who appoints them.

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Register of Members' Interests

