

FACT SHEET

Legislative Council in figures

(as at 30 April 2009)

Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

	3rd term (2004-2008)	4th term (2008-2012)
Members	60	60
Returned by geographical constituencies	30	30
Returned by functional constituencies	30	30
Number of male and female Members		
Male	48	49
Female	12	11

Table 2 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package

	1 Oct 2007 – 30 Sep 2008	1 Oct 2008 – 30 Sep 2009
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	113,500	136,400
President's Deputy and Chairman of the House Committee	85,150	102,300
A Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	56,750	68,200
A Member who serves on the Executive Council	37,830	45,470
End-of-service gratuity ⁽¹⁾		
Each Member	Not applicable	15% of the remuneration received ⁽²⁾
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$) ⁽¹⁾		
Each Member	Not applicable	26,130

Notes: (1) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members are provided with an annual accountable medical allowance and an end-of-service gratuity.

(2) 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 he or she completes his or her term of office.

Table 2 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package (cont'd)

	1 Oct 2007 – 30 Sep 2008	1 Oct 2008 – 30 Sep 2009
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation	not exceeding 1,534,020	not exceeding 1,603,050
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 157,310	not exceeding 164,390
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(78,655)	(82,195)
President's entertainment reimbursement	157,460	164,550
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(47,240)	(49,370)
Per term/one-off expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Setting up expenses reimbursement	150,000	150,000
(for Members who have claimed any setting up expenses reimbursement in the previous term)	(75,000)	(75,000)
Winding up expenses reimbursement	127,835 plus actual severance pay	133,590 plus actual severance pay
Information technology and communication equipment expenses reimbursement	100,000	100,000

Table 3 – Legislative Council Committees

	2007-2008	2008-2009 (1 Oct 2008 – 30 Apr 2009)
Standing Committees and Committees ⁽³⁾	5	5
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committees ⁽⁴⁾	27	2
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels)	18 (12)	18 (8)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁴⁾	24	14
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees of Subsidiary Legislation]	9	6
Select Committee	–	1
Investigation Committee	–	–

Notes: (3) Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Members' Interests.
Committees: House Committee and Committee on Rules of Procedure.

(4) Figures indicate the number of committees which have completed work.

Table 4 – Legislative Council activities

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009 (1 Oct 2008 – 30 Apr 2009)
Council meetings	37	37	37	37	25
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	163	222	195	213	114
Bills passed	20	25	22	35	3
Questions	1 586	1 601	1 588	1 533	964
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	21	38	42	57	26
Passed	21	38	41	47	24
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	–	2 ⁽⁵⁾	–	–	1 ⁽⁶⁾
Passed	–	0 ⁽⁵⁾	–	–	1 ⁽⁶⁾
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	5	7	3	4	3
Passed	4	7	3	3	3
Motions without legislative effect					
Moved	59	58	55	57	40
Passed	39	40	38	45	32

Notes: (5) Figures indicate the number of motions under Annex I and/or Annex II of the Basic Law (to amend the method for selecting the Chief Executive and/or the method for forming the Legislative Council and its procedures for voting on bills and motions).

(6) Figures indicate the number of motions 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".

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