

FACT SHEET

Legislative Council in figures

(as at 3 March 2010)

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	45 ⁽¹⁾
Female	12	10 ⁽¹⁾

Note: (1) Five Members returned by geographical constituencies, including four male Members and one female Member, resigned their seats on 29 January 2010. The current Council comprises 45 male Members and 10 female Members.

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Fourth Legislative Council⁽²⁾

Average age	57 years old
Age of youngest Member	34 years old
Age of oldest Member	73 years old
Place of birth	Hong Kong (38 Members)
First-time Members	15 Members
Members who are currently Executive Council Members	2 Members
Members returned uncontested	14 Members
Members' occupation	Full-time Legislator (15 Members) Businessman/Businesswoman (13 Members) Lawyer (8 Members) Trade Unionist (5 Members) Educator (4 Members) Accountant (2 Members) Executive (1 Member) Medical Practitioner (2 Members) Architect, Engineer, Fisherman, Head of Policy Institute and Social Worker (1 Member each)
Educational attainment ⁽³⁾	Tertiary and above (51 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (23 Members) Doctorate Degree (8 Members)

Notes: (2) Information based on 55 Members.

(3) One Legislative Council Member did not provide his education and professional qualifications.

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

	1 Oct 2008 – 30 Sep 2009	1 Oct 2009 – 30 Sep 2010
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	136,400	138,860
President's Deputy and Chairman of the House Committee	102,300	104,150
A Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	68,200	69,430
A Member who serves on the Executive Council	45,470	46,290
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	26,130	26,600
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation	not exceeding 1,603,050	not exceeding 1,631,900
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 164,390	not exceeding 167,350
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(82,195)	(83,675)
President's entertainment reimbursement	164,550	167,510
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(49,370)	(50,250)
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	133,590 plus actual severance pay	135,992 plus actual severance pay
Information technology and communication equipment expenses reimbursement	100,000	100,000

Notes: (4) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members are 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 he or she completes his or her term of office.

Table 4 – Legislative Council Committees

	2008-2009	2009-2010 (14 Oct 2009 – 3 Mar 2010)
Standing Committees and Committees ⁽⁶⁾	5	5
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committees ⁽⁷⁾	7	12
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels)	18 (8)	18 (9)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁷⁾	22	7
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees of Subsidiary Legislation]	6	7
Select Committee	1	1
Investigation Committee	–	1

Notes: (6) Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Members' Interests.
Committees: House Committee and Committee on Rules of Procedure.

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

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010 (14 Oct 2009 – 3 Mar 2010)
Council meetings	37	37	37	36	19
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	222	195	213	167	110
Bills passed	25	22	35	11	13
Questions	1 601	1 588	1 533	1 423	794
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	38	42	57	42	21
Passed	38	41	47	40	20
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	2 ⁽⁸⁾	–	–	1 ⁽⁹⁾	–
Passed	0 ⁽⁸⁾	–	–	1 ⁽⁹⁾	–
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	7	3	4	4	4
Passed	7	3	3	4	1
Motions without legislative effect					
Moved	58	55	57	62	29
Passed	40	38	45	43	20

Notes: (8) 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).

(9) 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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