

FACT SHEET

Legislative Council in figures

(as at 22 July 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 | 49 |
| Female | 12 | 11 |

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Fourth Legislative Council

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|---|--|
| Average age | 57 years old |
| Age of youngest Member | 34 years old |
| Age of oldest Member | 74 years old |
| Place of birth | Hong Kong (43 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 (18 Members) Businessman/Businesswoman (13 Members) Lawyer (10 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 ⁽¹⁾ | Tertiary and above (55 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (27 Members) Doctorate Degree (8 Members) |

Note: (1) 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⁽²⁾ | | |
| Each Member | 15% of the remuneration received ⁽³⁾ | 15% of the remuneration received ⁽³⁾ |
| Yearly medical allowance (HK\$)⁽²⁾ | | |
| 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: (2) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members are provided with an annual accountable medical allowance and an end-of-service gratuity.

(3) 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 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Standing Committees and Committees ⁽⁴⁾ | 5 | 5 |
| Subcommittees of the Finance Committee | 2 | 2 |
| Bills Committees ⁽⁵⁾ | 7 | 17 |
| Panels (Subcommittees of Panels) | 18 (8) | 18 (10) |
| Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁵⁾ | 22 | 15 |
| Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees of Subsidiary Legislation] | 6 | 9 |
| Select Committee | 1 | 1 |
| Investigation Committee | – | 1 |

Notes: (4) Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Members' Interests.
Committees: House Committee and Committee on Rules of Procedure.

(5) 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 |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Council meetings | 37 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 36 |
| Subsidiary legislation scrutinized | 222 | 195 | 213 | 167 | 157 |
| Bills passed | 25 | 22 | 35 | 11 | 23 |
| Questions | 1 601 | 1 588 | 1 533 | 1 423 | 1 536 |
| Motions with legislative effect | | | | | |
| Moved | 38 | 42 | 57 | 42 | 46 |
| Passed | 38 | 41 | 47 | 40 | 33 |
| Motions under the Basic Law | | | | | |
| Moved | 2 ⁽⁶⁾ | – | – | 1 ⁽⁷⁾ | 4 ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Passed | 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | – | – | 1 ⁽⁷⁾ | 4 ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Motions relating to procedural matters | | | | | |
| Moved | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Passed | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Motions without legislative effect | | | | | |
| Moved | 58 | 55 | 57 | 62 | 58 |
| Passed | 40 | 38 | 45 | 43 | 43 |

Notes: (6) 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).

(7) 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".

(8) Figures indicate the number of motions under Article 73(7) of the Basic Law and Annex I and/or Annex II of the Basic Law.

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