

FACT SHEET

Composition of the Legislative Council Members

1. Introduction

1.1 The Subcommittee on Package of Proposals for the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2012 requested the Research and Library Services Division at its meeting on 18 May 2010 to provide information on the composition of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Members. The table below shows the composition of LegCo Members from 1984 to 2008.

Table – Composition of the Legislative Council Members from 1984 to 2008

	1984	1985	1988	1991	1995	1998	2000	2004	2008
Official Members ⁽¹⁾	16	10	10	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Appointed Members	30	22	20	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Members elected by functional constituencies	Nil	12 ⁽²⁾	14 ⁽³⁾	21	30	30	30	30 ⁽⁴⁾	30
Members elected by electoral college	Nil	12 ⁽⁵⁾	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Members elected by election committee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10 ⁽⁶⁾	10 ⁽⁷⁾	6 ⁽⁸⁾	Nil	Nil
Members elected by direct elections ⁽⁹⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	18	20	20	24	30	30
Total	46	56	56	60	60	60	60	60	60

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- Notes: (1) Not including the Governor who was the President of LegCo before 1993. The Official Members included three ex-officio Members, namely the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Attorney General.
- (2) The nine functional constituencies were: commercial (2), industrial (2), labour (2), financial (1), social services (1), medical (1), education (1), legal (1), and engineers and associated professions (1).
- (3) The nine functional constituencies were: commercial (2), industrial (2), labour (2), financial and accountancy (2), social services (1), medical and health care (2), education (1), legal (1), and engineers and associated professions (1).
- (4) The 28 functional constituencies are: Heung Yee Kuk, Agriculture & fisheries, Insurance, Transport, Education, Legal, Accountancy, Medical, Health services, Engineering, Architectural, surveying & planning, Labour, Social welfare, Real estate and construction, Tourism, Commercial (first), Commercial (second), Industrial (first), Industrial (second), Finance, Financial services, Sports, performing arts, culture & publication, Import & export, Textile & garment, Wholesale & retail, Information technology, catering, and District Council.
- (5) The electoral college was composed of all members of the District Boards, the Urban Council and the Regional Council. The District Boards were grouped into 10 geographical constituencies of some 500 000 people each, accounting for 10 of the 12 seats. The remaining two seats came from the two special constituencies formed by members of the Urban Council and the Regional Council respectively.
- (6) The Election Committee comprised members of the District Boards.
- (7) The Election Committee was made up of 800 members, including 77 ex-officio members comprising Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress and Members of the Provisional Legislative Council, 40 nominees from the Religious subsector, and 683 members from 35 subsectors.
- (8) The Election Committee consisted of 800 members from four sectors, each with 200 members. The four sectors were: (a) industrial, commercial and financial sectors; (b) the professions; (c) labour, social services, religious and other sectors; and (d) Members of LegCo, representatives of district-based organizations, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, and representatives of Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.
- (9) Members returned by geographical constituencies.

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