

FACT SHEET

Legislative Council in figures (as at 14 April 2011)

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

Average age	58 years old
Age of youngest Member	35 years old
Age of oldest Member	75 years old
Place of birth	Hong Kong (43 Members)
First-time Members	15 Members
Members who are currently Executive Council Members	Two Members
Members returned uncontested	14 Members
Members' occupation	Full-time Legislator (18 Members) Businessman/Businesswoman (13 Members) Lawyer (10 Members) Trade Unionist (five Members) Educator (four Members) Accountant (two Members) Medical Practitioner (two Members) Architect, Engineer, Executive, Fisherman, Head of Policy Institute and Social Worker (one Member each)
Academic attainment ⁽¹⁾	Tertiary and above (55 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (25 Members) Doctorate Degree (nine Members)

Note: (1) One Legislative Council Member does not provide his education and professional qualifications.

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

	1 Oct 2009 – 30 Sep 2010	1 Oct 2010 – 30 Sep 2011
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	138,860	140,800
President's Deputy and Chairman of the House Committee	104,150	105,600
A Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	69,430	70,400
A Member who serves on the Executive Council	46,290	46,930
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	26,600	26,970
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation	not exceeding 1,631,900	not exceeding 1,654,750
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 167,350	not exceeding 169,690
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(83,675)	(84,845)
President's entertainment reimbursement	167,510	169,860
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(50,250)	(50,960)
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	135,992 plus actual severance pay	137,896 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 that he or she completes his or her term of office.

Table 4 – Legislative Council Committees

	2009-2010	2010-2011 (13 Oct 2010 – 14 Apr 2011)
Standing Committees and Committees ⁽⁴⁾	5	5
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committees ⁽⁵⁾	17	8
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels)	18 (10)	18 (10)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁵⁾	17	18
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees of Subsidiary Legislation]	9	11 ⁽⁶⁾
Select Committee	1	1
Investigation Committee	1	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.

(6) Figures include two Subcommittees on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointments: the one formed in the 2009-2010 session has completed its work while the other formed in the 2010-2011 session is in operation.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011 (13 Oct 2010 – 14 Apr 2011)
Council meetings	37	37	36	36 ⁽⁷⁾	24
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	195	213	167	157	99
Bills passed	22	35	11	23	10
Questions	1 588	1 533	1 423	1 536	929
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	42	57	42	46	30
Passed	41	47	40	33	28
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	0	0	1 ⁽⁸⁾	4 ⁽⁹⁾	–
Passed	0	0	1 ⁽⁸⁾	4 ⁽⁹⁾	–
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	3	4	4	7	2
Passed	3	3	4	2	1
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved	55	57	62	58	39
Passed	38	45	43	43	30

Notes: (7) The figure does not include a special meeting under Rule 15(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

(8) 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".

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

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