

## FACT SHEET

### Legislative Council in figures (as at 30 April 2012)

**Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council**

	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> term (2004-2008)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> term (2008-2012)</b>
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	36 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 (19 Members) Businessman/Businesswoman (13 Members) Lawyer (10 Members) Trade Unionist (four 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Tertiary and above (55 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (26 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 2010 – 30 Sep 2011	1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sep 2012
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	140,800	146,300
President's Deputy and Chairman of the House Committee	105,600	109,730
A Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	70,400	73,150
A Member who serves on the Executive Council	46,930	48,770
End-of-service gratuity <sup>(2)</sup>		
Each Member	15% of the remuneration received <sup>(3)</sup>	15% of the remuneration received <sup>(3)</sup>
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$) <sup>(2)</sup>		
Each Member	26,970	28,020
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation	not exceeding 1,654,750	not exceeding 1,719,290
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 169,690	not exceeding 176,310
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(84,845)	(88,155)
President's entertainment reimbursement	169,860	176,480
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(50,960)	(52,940)
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	137,896 plus actual severance pay	143,274 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 the term of office.

**Table 4 – Legislative Council Committees**

	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012 (12 Oct 2011 – 30 Apr 2012)</b>
Standing Committees and Committees <sup>(4)</sup>	5	5
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committees <sup>(5)</sup>	18	16
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels <sup>(6)</sup> )	18 (14)	18 (15)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation <sup>(5)</sup>	26	15
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees of Subsidiary Legislation] <sup>(6)</sup>	11	12
Select Committee <sup>(6)</sup>	1	2
Investigation Committee <sup>(6)</sup>	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 indicate the number of committees which are in action or have completed work during the Fourth Legislative Council.

**Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings**

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012 (12 Oct 2011 – 30 Apr 2012)
Council meetings	37	36	36 <sup>(7)</sup>	37	25
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	213	167	157	147	83
Bills passed	35	11	23	24	15
Questions	1 533	1 423	1 536	1 497	961
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	57	42	46	46	23
Passed	47	40	33	40	21
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	0	1 <sup>(8)</sup>	4 <sup>(9)</sup>	2 <sup>(8)</sup>	0
Passed	0	1 <sup>(8)</sup>	4 <sup>(9)</sup>	2 <sup>(8)</sup>	0
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	4	4	7	6	8
Passed	3	4	2	2	2
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved	57	62	58	64	37
Passed	45	43	43	47	23

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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