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## Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 1 October 2013)

Summary	1. Number of Bills Committees in action	: 7 (see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committees	: 9
	3. Number of bills pending decision of House Committee	: 2 (see <u>List B</u> for details)
	4. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	: (see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5. Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	: 4 (see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6. Number of subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in act	on : 1 (see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	: 1 (see <u>List F</u> for details)
	8. Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	: 7 (see <u>List G</u> for details)
	9. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	: 4 (see <u>List H</u> for details)

List A: Bills Committees in action							
Name of Bills Committee Clerk  1. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2012 - Ms Annette LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 9.1.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.1.13  Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman)  Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held  13 18.1.13 25.1.13 4.2.13 18.2.13 28.2.13 18.3.13 8.4.13 22.4.13 20.5.13 7.6.13 17.6.13 8.7.13 16.9.13	Date to report to House Committee 12.4.13 (verbal report)	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 3.10.13 to meet with the Administration.	
2. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Annette LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	17.4.13	19.4.13  Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman)  Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)	4 3.5.13 31.5.13 13.6.13 (2 sessions) 15.7.13			The Bills Committee has held four meetings since commencement of its work on 3.5.13. The Chairman of the Bills Committee has advised that the Bills Committee needs to work beyond three months since its commencement.  Next meeting to be held on 21.10.13 to meet with the Administration.	

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	Date of					
	introduction		Date and	Date to	Expected date	
	of Bill into	Date of formation of Bills	number of	report to	for resumption	
Name of Bills Committee	Legislative	Committee	meetings	House	of Second	
Clerk	Council	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks
3. Bills Committee on Merchant	24.4.13	26.4.13	4	18.10.13		The last meeting of the Bills
Shipping (Seafarers)			15.5.13			Committee was held on 16.7.13.
(Amendment) Bill 2013		Hon WONG Kwok-kin,	17.6.13			The Bills Committee has
- Mr Derek LO		BBS	2.7.13			completed its work and will report
CCS(1)5			16.7.13			to the House Committee on
Tel: 3919 3105			10.7.12			18.10.13.
161. 3717 3103						10.10.13.
4. Bills Committee on Product	8.5.13	10.5.13	4			The Bills Committee has held four
Eco-responsibility (Amendment)		10.5.15	31.5.13			meetings since commencement of
Bill 2013		Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN	18.6.13			its work on 31.5.13. The
- Ms Miranda HON		Ka-lok	9.7.13			Chairman of the Bills Committee
CCS(1)1		1Xa-10K	23.7.13			has advised that the Bills
Tel: 3919 3101			23.7.13			Committee needs to work beyond
161. 3919 3101						1
						commencement.
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						Next meeting to be held on
						8.10.13 to meet with the
						Administration.
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5. Bills Committee on Professional		24.5.13		11.10.13		Reporting to the House Committee
Accountants (Amendment) Bill		II OL L B. MOY	9.7.13			on 11.10.13.
2013		Hon Charles Peter MOK				
- Ms Connie SZETO						
CCS(1)4						
Tel: 3919 3104						

Name of Bills Committee Clerk  6. Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 26.6.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 28.6.13 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	Date and number of meetings held  1 12.7.13	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  The Bills Committee has held one meeting since commencement of its work on 12.7.13. The Chairman of the Bills Committee has advised that the Bills Committee needs to work beyond three months since its commencement.  Next meeting to be held on 15.10.13 to meet with the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2013  - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104		12.7.13  Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Christoper CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	2 24.7.13 30.9.13			Next meeting to be held on 15.10.13 to meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending decision of House Committee							
			Date of House				
		Date of introduction	Committee meeting				
		of Bill into Legislative	at which the Bill				
Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	Council	will be considered	Remarks			
1. Child Abduction Legislation	To amend the Child Abduction and Custody	17.7.13	4.10.13				
(Miscellaneous Amendments)	Ordinance and other enactments to provide for						
Bill 2013	combating child abduction and for better						
	implementing the Convention on the Civil						
	Aspects of International Child Abduction, and for						
	related matters.						
2. Toys and Children's Products	To amend the Toys and Children's Products	17.7.13	4.10.13				
Safety (Amendment) Bill 2013	Safety Ordinance to provide for safety standards						
	for certain toys and children's products; and to						
	make related and other minor amendments.						

List C : Subcommitt	ee on Members' Remun	eration and  Date and	Operating l	Expenses Reimbursement
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	to House	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	Committee	Remarks
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement  - Ms Dora WAI PCS1 Tel: 3919 3660	26.10.12  Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP	2 4.12.12 7.6.13		At the meeting on 7.6.13, the Subcommittee requested the Administration to arrange a meeting for members with the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.  The Subcommittee will also conduct a survey in October 2013 on staff turnover in Members' offices.

List D: Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action

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N	Date of formation of	Date and	<b>D</b>	
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	Date to report to	D 1
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	House Committee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on Proposed Resolutions	28.6.13	1		Next meeting to be held on 3.10.13 to
under the Bankruptcy Ordinance and the		19.7.13		meet with deputations and the
Companies Ordinance	Hon WONG Ting-kwong,			Administration.
- Ms Sharon CHUNG	SBS, JP			
CCS(1)6				
Tel: 3919 3106				
2. Subcommittee on Solicitors (General) Costs	5.7.13	2		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will
(Amendment) Rules 2013		19.7.13		move a proposed resolution at the
- Miss Mary SO	Hon Dennis KWOK	24.9.13		Council meeting of 9.10.13 to extend the
CCS(4)2				scrutiny period of the Rules to 6.11.13.
Tel: 3919 3404				
3. Subcommittee on Arbitration (Appointment	5.7.13	2		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will
of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision		19.7.13		move a proposed resolution at the
on Number of Arbitrators) Rules	Hon Dennis KWOK	18.9.13		Council meeting of 9.10.13 to extend the
- Miss Mary SO				scrutiny period of the Rules to 6.11.13.
CCS(4)2				
Tel: 3919 3404				
4. Subcommittee on District Councils	5.7.13	1		Next meeting to be held on 4.10.13 to
Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3)	61,115	17.7.13		meet with the Administration, and
Order 2013	Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP	1,,,,,		another meeting to be held on 12.10.13
- Ms Joanne MAK	(Chairman)			to meet with deputations and the
CCS(2)3	,			Administration.
Tel: 3919 3203	Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-			1 Kanimistration.
101. 3717 3203	kee, SBS, JP			
	(Deputy Chairman)			

List E: Subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action						
	Date of formation of	Number of meetings				
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	held				
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee			
1. Subcommittee on Poverty	12.10.12	11	To study relevant policies and measures to ease			
- Mr Colin CHUI		(5.11.12)	the disparity between the rich and the poor and			
CCS(2)4	Hon Frederick FUNG		alleviate poverty, follow up the work of the			
Tel: 3919 3204	Kin-kee, SBS, JP		Government's Commission on Poverty and make			
	(Chairman)		timely recommendations.			
	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Deputy Chairman)					
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List F : Other subcommittee under House Committee in action						
	Date of formation of	Number of meetings				
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	held				
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee			
1. Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation	12.10.12	3	To examine the implementation in Hong Kong			
in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United		(31.10.12)	resolutions of the United Nations Security			
Nations Security Council in relation to	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan		Council in relation to sanctions by Regulations			
Sanctions			made under section 3 of the United Nations			
- Ms Annette LAM			Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) and to follow up			
CCS(1)3			the recommendations made by the previous			
Tel: 3919 3103			Subcommittee.			

List G: Subcommittees under Panels in action						
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Panel	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee		
<ol> <li>Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways</li> <li>Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2         Tel: 3919 3102</li> </ol>	Panel on Transport	Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)  Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)	6 (30.11.12)	To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways.		
<ul> <li>2. Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy</li> <li>- Mr Colin CHUI CCS(2)4 Tel: 3919 3204</li> </ul>	Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services	19.11.12  Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)  Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)	8 (14.12.12)	To study the long-term care policy and services, including home-based, community-based and residential care services for the elderly, people with disabilities and the chronically ill, discuss the policy concerned with the Administration and make timely recommendations.		
3. Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3205	Panel on Health Services	19.11.12 Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau	5 (12.12.12)	To study issues relating to the introduction of Health Protection Scheme as proposed by the Government for the Second Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform and make recommendations where necessary.		

Name of Subcommittee Clerk  4. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Air, Noise and Light Pollution - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101	Panel Panel on Environmental Affairs	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 26.11.12  Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 9 (12.12.12)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  To monitor and review government policies on and initiatives to address problems of air, noise and light pollution for better protection of public health.
<ul> <li>5. Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy</li> <li>- Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3101</li> </ul>	Panel on Housing	3.12.12  Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH (Chairman)  Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Deputy Chairman)	9 (18.12.12)	To study all relevant housing-related information and ways to increase housing supply to meet the needs of various groups in the community, and make recommendations on the Long Term Housing Strategy.
6. Subcommittee on Integrated Education - Miss Polly YEUNG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3402	Panel on Education	11.12.12  Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)  Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)	6 (8.1.13)	To study and review the existing policy on integrated education, including the support measures for students with special educational needs and the strengthening of teaching, administrative and financial support for special schools and schools implementing integrated education, and make timely recommendations.
7. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project  - Ms Amy YU  CCS(2)6  Tel: 3919 3206	Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development	Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)  Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	7 (29.1.13)	To monitor issues relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, including the work of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, the project's interface with arts and cultural development, and other related matters.

List H: Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list						
	Date of appointment					
Name of Subcommittee	of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks			
Subcommittee on Retirement     Protection under the Panel on     Welfare Services	14.1.13	To study issues relating to the retirement life of all people, and to follow up on the proposal of setting up and implementation of universal retirement protection for all people in Hong Kong.	25.1.13, Members agreed that the			
2. Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence under the Panel on Welfare Services	21.1.13	To study issues relating to the strategy and measures to tackle domestic violence, including:  (a) statistics, definition, identification and assessment of domestic violence; (b) relocation of accommodation, emotional support and various follow-up services for victims; (c) legal proceedings relating to cases of domestic violence, as well as anti-violence programmes and counselling services for batterers; (d) measures to prevent domestic violence and review on child fatality and serious cases; (e) manpower, resources and workload of the relevant organizations and government departments, as well as co-ordination among various services; (f) special needs of specific groups, including children, new-arrivals, ethnic minorities, homosexuals and transgendered persons, etc.; and (g) policies and follow-ups on domestic violence.	Services on 21.1.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted that it			

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
3. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	5.2.13	To study and review issues relating to the policy and business environment of public markets; assess the demand for public markets according to the district-based principle; examine the Administration's proposals for the rental adjustment mechanism and air-conditioning charging arrangement for public market stalls; and make timely recommendations.	Environmental Hygiene on 5.2.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted
4. Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	9.7.13	, ,	Environmental Hygiene on 9.7.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted that it would be placed on the waiting list.