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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 8 December 2015)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	13	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committees	:	3	
	3.	Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	3	(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	:	3	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues under House Committee in action	:	3	(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	:	5	(see <u>List H</u> for details)

List A: Bills Committees in action								
	Date of							
	introduction		Date and	Date of	Expected date			
	of Bill into	Date of formation of Bills	number of	reporting to	for resumption			
Name of Bills Committee	Legislative	Committee	meetings	House	of Second			
Clerk	Council	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks		
1. Bills Committee on Property	7.5.14	9.5.14	17			The Bills Committee has		
Management Services Bill			11.6.14			completed its scrutiny work and		
- Ms Alice LEUNG		Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen,	23.7.14			will report to the House		
CCS(2)6		BBS	(2 sessions)			Committee on 22.1.16.		
Tel: 3919 3206		(Chairman)	15.10.14					
			4.11.14					
		Hon WU Chi-wai, MH	25.11.14					
		(Deputy Chairman)	12.1.15					
			9.2.15					
			27.2.15					
			24.3.15					
			21.4.15					
			4.5.15					
			8.6.15					
			29.6.15					
			6.7.15					
			28.10.15					
			10.11.15					
			30.11.15					

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3. Bills Committee on	11.2.15	27.2.15	14			Next meeting to be held on
Interception of Communications			27.3.15			15.12.15 to meet with the
and Surveillance (Amendment)		Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP	9.4.15			Administration.
Bill 2015		(Chairman)	2.5.15			
- Miss Betty MA			(2 sessions)			
CCS(2)1		Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS	11.5.15			
Tel: 3919 3201		(Deputy Chairman)	1.6.15			
			22.6.15			
			29.6.15			
			14.7.15			
			6.10.15			
			12.10.15			
			23.10.15			
			2.11.15			
			9.11.15			
			16.11.15			
4. Bills Committee on Human	18.3.15	20.3.15	6			Next meeting to be scheduled.
Reproductive Technology			9.4.15			
(Amendment) Bill 2015		Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki	27.4.15			
- Ms Maisie LAM			12.5.15			
CCS(2)5			2.6.15			
Tel: 3919 3205			6.7.15			
			5.10.15			

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 5. Bills Committee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101		Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 20.3.15 Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP	Date and number of meetings held 7 9.4.15 4.5.15 2.6.15 22.6.15 20.7.15 18.9.15 3.11.15	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 16.12.15 to meet with the Administration.
6. Bills Committee on Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202	8.7.15	9.10.15 Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS	2 27.10.15 27.11.15			Next meeting to be held on 22.12.15 to meet with the Administration.
 7. Bills Committee on Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Bill - Ms Debbie YAU CCS(4)5 Tel: 3919 3404 	8.7.15	9.10.15 Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP	3 20.10.15 24.11.15 8.12.15			Next meeting to be held on 19.1.16 to meet with the Administration.
8. Bills Committee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Product Container) (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101	8.7.15	9.10.15 Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP	2 30.10.15 30.11.15			Next meeting to be held on 15.12.15 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 9. Bills Committee on Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 14.10.15	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.10.15 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held 2 6.11.15 30.11.15	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 14.12.15 to meet with the Administration.
10. Bills Committee on Patents (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Ms Connie HO CCS(1)3 (Atg) Tel: 3919 3110	11.11.15	13.11.15 Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP	1 1.12.15			Next meeting to be held on 22.12.15 to meet with deputations and the Administration.
11. Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Ms Connie HO CCS(1)3 (Atg) Tel: 3919 3110	25.11.15	27.11.15				First meeting to be held on 15.12.15 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
12. Bills Committee on Deposit Protection Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2015 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3105	25.11.15	27.11.15				First meeting to be held on 16.12.15 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
 13. Bills Committee on Financial Institutions (Resolution) Bill Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104 	2.15.15	4.12.15				First meeting to be held on 15.12.15 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate							
Name of Bill 1. Kowloon Tong Church of the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2014	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 4.6.14	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered 6.6.14	Council meeting at which Second Reading debate will be resumed (if known)	Remarks Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG has withdrawn her notice for resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 24.6.15.			
2. Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014	18.6.14	20.6.14 13.11.15	9.12.15	The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 25.11.15. At the House Committee meeting on 20.11.15, Members noted and raised no objection that the agenda item on the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill be deferred to the Council meeting of 9.12.15. The Administration has noted the above arrangement.			
3. Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2015	13.5.15	15.5.15 4.12.15	16.12.15				

List C : Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement							
			Date of				
	Date of formation of	Date and	reporting to				
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	House				
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	Committee	Remarks			
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration	26.10.12	3	15.5.15	A meeting was held between the Subcommittee			
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement		4.12.12		and the Independent Commission on			
- Ms Amy YU	Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP	7.6.13		Remuneration for Members of the Executive			
PCS1		12.5.15		Council and the Legislature, and Officials under			
Tel: 3919 3660				the Political Appointment System of the			
				HKSAR on 24.7.15 to discuss the			
				Subcommittee's Report on the Review of			
				Members' Remuneration and Operating			
				Expenses Reimbursement.			

List D: Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action Date of formation of Date and Date to report Name of Subcommittee Subcommittee number of to House Chairman/Deputy Chairman Committee Clerk meetings held Remarks 1. Subcommittee on Legislative Council Reporting to the House Committee on 20.11.15 2 18.12.15 27.11.15 Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 5) 18.12.15. Order 2015 and Maximum Amount of Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP 7.12.15 Election Expenses (Legislative Council Election) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3203 2. Subcommittee on Securities and Futures The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given 27.11.15 18.12.15 (Contracts Limits and Reportable 8.12.15 notice to move a proposed resolution at the Positions) (Amendment) Rules 2015 Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP Council meeting of 16.12.15 to extend the - Ms Angel SHEK period for amending the Rules to the Council CCS(1)1 meeting of 13.1.16. Tel: 3919 3101 Reporting to the House Committee on 18.12.15. First meeting to be held on 6.1.16 to elect the 3. Subcommittee Two Proposed 27.11.15 on Resolutions under Section 5(3)(b) of the Chairman and meet with the Administration. Public Bus Services Ordinance (Cap. 230) - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)6 Tel: 3919 3102

List E : Subcommittees on policy issues under House Committee in action								
	Date of formation of	Number of meetings						
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	held (Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the	D I				
Clerk 1. Subcommittee on Poverty	Chairman/Deputy Chairman 12.10.12	34	subcommittee	Remarks				
- Mr Colin CHUI	12.10.12	(5.11.12)	To study relevant policies and measures to ease the disparity	At the House Committee meeting on 9.1.15, Members agreed that				
CCS(2)4	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG	(3.11.12)	between the rich and the poor and	permission be given for the				
Tel: 3919 3204	Chiu-hung		alleviate poverty, follow up the	Subcommittee to further extend				
161.3919.3201	(Chairman)		work of the Government's	the period of its work until				
	(3.1.1.1.1.1.1)		Commission on Poverty and	31.1.16.				
	Hon Frederick FUNG		make timely recommendations.					
	Kin-kee, SBS, JP		•					
	(Deputy Chairman)							
2. Subcommittee to Follow up	15.5.15	3	To study and follow up issues	_				
Issues Relating to the		(16.10.15)	relating to three-runway system					
Three-runway System at the	Hon Andrew LEUNG		at Hong Kong International					
Hong Kong International	Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP		Airport, including the feasibility					
Airport - Miss Mary SO	(Chairman)		of the three-runway system, its scope and design details,					
CCS(4)2	Hon Dennis KWOK		financial arrangement, existing					
Tel: 3919 3419	(Deputy Chairman)		capacity of Hong Kong					
	(2 spacy 2.1)		International Airport,					
			environmental impacts, and					
			related matters.					
3. Subcommittee to Study	23.1.15	2	To study issues relating to	_				
Issues Relating to		(23.10.15)	Mainland-HKSAR families and					
Mainland-HKSAR Families	Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP		make recommendations where					
- Mr Colin CHUI			necessary.					
CCS(2)4								
Tel: 3919 3204								

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)	Remarks				
1. Subcommittee to Examine the	12.10.12	10	_				
Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions		(31.10.12)					
of the United Nations Security Council in	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP						
relation to Sanctions							
- Ms Connie HO							
CCS(1)3 (Atg)							
Tel: 3919 3110							

List G: Subcommittees under Panels in action								
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 1. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport - Mr Anthony CHU CCS(4)1 Tel: 3919 3401	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.11.12 Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP (Chairman) Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 23 (30.11.12)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways.	Remarks At the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 31.12.15), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for re-activation.				
2. Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme under the Panel on Health Services - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3205	19.11.12 Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau	13 (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.	At the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 31.12.15), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for re-activation.				
3. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project under the Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development - Ms Alice LEUNG CCS(2)6 Tel: 3919 3206	Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	22 (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.	9				

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 4. Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 14.1.13 Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 15 (25.2.14)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	Remarks At the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 31.12.15), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for re-activation.
5. Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education under the Panel on Education - Miss Polly YEUNG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3402	14.4.14 Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman) Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)	12 (27.10.14)	To study and review the progress, arrangements, policy and matters related to the implementation of free kindergarten education, and make recommendations where necessary.	At the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 26.1.16), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for re-activation.
6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine under the Panel on Health Services - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3203	16.6.14 Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP	8 (5.11.14)	To study and review the Government's strategy, policies and initiatives to promote the long-term development of Chinese medicine and make timely recommendations.	At the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 4.2.16), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for re-activation.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 7. Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence under the Panel on Welfare Services - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 21.1.13 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman) Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 11 (3.12.14)	To study issues relating to the strategy and measures to tackle domestic violence and sexual violence, including: (a) the effectiveness and progress of the services already in place which were discussed by the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence under the Panel on Welfare Services of the Third Legislative Council; (b) statistics, definition, identification and	Remarks As decided at the House Committee meeting on 9.10.15, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for two more months after the expiry of its period of work, i.e. until 2.2.16.
			assessment of domestic violence and sexual violence; (c) relocation of accommodation, emotional support and various follow-up services for those involved in cases of domestic violence and sexual violence; (d) legal proceedings relating to cases of domestic violence and sexual violence, as well as anti-violence programmes and counselling services for batterers; (e) education and preventive measures against domestic violence and sexual violence (including hidden cases of domestic violence and sexual violence), and review on child fatality and serious cases; (to be continued on next page)	

	Data of formación of	Number of		
Name of Subcommittee	Date of formation of Subcommittee	meetings held (Date of first	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
(continued from previous page)	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting)	(f) manpower, resources and workload of the	Kemarks
(commuea from previous page)			relevant organizations and government	
			departments, as well as co-ordination	
			among various services for handling	
			domestic violence and sexual violence	
			(including measures taken by the Police	
			and the Social Welfare Department and	
			their co-operation in handling the relevant	
			cases, procedural guidelines and	
			classification system of the Police for	
			handling the relevant cases, as well as	
			measures taken by the relevant organizations and government	
			organizations and government departments to help those involved in	
			cases of domestic violence and sexual	
			violence lead a new life);	
			(g) special needs of specific groups, including	
			elderly persons, children, new-arrivals,	
			ethnic minorities, homosexuals,	
			transgendered persons, persons with	
			disabilities and sex workers, etc. when	
			encountering domestic violence and	
			sexual violence;	
			(h) the relationship between the provision of	
			mental health services and the occurrence	
			of domestic violence incidents in the	
			community, as well as the support for the	
			families and persons concerned; and	
			(i) policies and follow-ups for handling	
			domestic violence and sexual violence.	

List H: Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list					
Name of Subcommittee 1. Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 10.2.15	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To study and follow up the policy on standard	Remarks Pursuant to the decision made at the House		
to Standard Working Hours under the Panel on Manpower		working hours and related issues, and to make recommendations where necessary.	Committee on 9.10.15, the Subcommittee can commence work when a vacant slot becomes available to accommodate its activation, which is expected to be 1.1.16.		
2. Joint Subcommittee to Study the Arrangement of Offsetting Severance Payments and Long Service Payments against Mandatory Provident Fund Accrued Benefits under the Panel on Financial Affairs and the Panel on Manpower	2.3.15	To study and review the arrangement of offsetting severance payments and long service payments against Mandatory Provident Fund accrued benefits and other related policy issues, and to make recommendations where necessary.	Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee on 9.10.15, the Joint Subcommittee can commence work when a vacant slot becomes available to accommodate its activation, which is expected to be 1.1.16.		
3. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes under the Panel on Welfare Services	8.6.15	To study relevant policies and measures relating to the future development of elderly services, follow up the work of the Elderly Commission's Elderly Services Programme Plan, discuss relevant policies with the Administration and make timely recommendations.	Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee on 9.10.15, the Subcommittee can commence work when a vacant slot becomes available to accommodate its activation, which is expected to be 1.1.16.		
4. Subcommittee on Redevelopment of Buildings developed under the Civil Servants' Co-operative Building Society Scheme under the Panel on Development	10.11.15	To study issues relating to redevelopment of buildings developed under the Civil Servants' Cooperative Building Society Scheme and, if appropriate, make recommendations on ways to facilitate the redevelopment of these buildings.	At the meeting of the Panel on Development on 10.11.15, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted that it would be placed on the waiting list.		

Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (a) exploring measures to better prevent and combat acts of animal cruelty, such as setting up of "animal police" teams specially tasked to investigate cases of animal cruelty and reviewing existing legislation on prevention of cruelty to animals; (b) examining the Government's efforts in the promotion of responsible pet ownership; (c) examining relevant measures currently in place that regulate the safety of pet food, and considering the need of introducing a regulatory regime for the production and quality control of pet food products; and (d) reviewing the Government's efforts in tackling the problem of stray dogs and cats with a view to reducing their numbers in the community.	1	- a		
Name of Subcommittee 5. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene 6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animals Welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene 7. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animals welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10.11.15, members agreed to appoint the Comban acts of animal cruelty, such as setting up of "animal police" teams specially tasked to investigate cases of animal cruelty and reviewing existing legislation on prevention of cruelty to animals; (b) examining the Government's efforts in the promotion of responsible pet ownership; (c) examining relevant measures currently in place that regulate the safety of pet food, and considering the need of introducing a regulatory regime for the production and quality control of pet food products; and (d) reviewing the Government's efforts in tackling the problem of stray dogs and cats with a view to reducing their numbers in the community.				
5. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene 10.11.15 To study issues relating to animal welfare and cruelty to animals, including: (a) exploring measures to better prevent and combat acts of animal cruelty, such as setting up of "animal police" teams specially tasked to investigate cases of animal cruelty and reviewing existing legislation on prevention of cruelty to animals; (b) examining the Government's efforts in the promotion of responsible pet ownership; (c) examining relevant measures currently in place that regulate the safety of pet food, and considering the need of introducing a regulatory regime for the production and quality control of pet food products; and (d) reviewing the Government's efforts in tackling the problem of stray dogs and cats with a view to reducing their numbers in the community.	N. CC I			D 1
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and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	5. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals under the Panel on Food Safety and		To study issues relating to animal welfare and cruelty to animals, including: (a) exploring measures to better prevent and combat acts of animal cruelty, such as setting up of "animal police" teams specially tasked to investigate cases of animal cruelty and reviewing existing legislation on prevention of cruelty to animals; (b) examining the Government's efforts in the promotion of responsible pet ownership; (c) examining relevant measures currently in place that regulate the safety of pet food, and considering the need of introducing a regulatory regime for the production and quality control of pet food products; and (d) reviewing the Government's efforts in tackling the problem of stray dogs and cats with a view to reducing their numbers in the community. and to put forward recommendations where	At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10.11.15, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted that it would be