

Duration of debates and speaking time limits of Members in debates¹

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I. Motions relating to bills

♦ Resumption of the second reading debate	<i>The President or the Chairman of a committee of the whole Council may set a time limit on the consideration of individual bills where appropriate</i>	1 ²	10 mins
♦ Consideration by committee of the whole Council (Amendment(s) to a bill/Clause(s) standing part of a bill)		Multiple	5 mins
♦ Third reading debate		1	3 mins

II. Government motions

♦ Motions under Rule 29(1) of the Rules of Procedure	Not more than 4 hrs		
♦ Motions under Rule 29(2) of the Rules of Procedure to amend subsidiary legislation and other instruments		1	5 mins

¹ The President or the Chairman of a committee of the whole Council may in his discretion adjust the relevant duration of debates and speaking time limits.

² A Member making a report of a Bills Committee or of a committee to which a bill has been referred for consideration under Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure may speak on the report with no time limit and may speak a second time subject to the 10-minute time limit in the second reading debate.

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III. Members' motions

- ◆ Motions under Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law to summon persons concerned to produce papers and testify
- ◆ Motions under Article 73(9) of the Basic Law to impeach the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Motions under Article 75 of the Basic Law to amend the Rules of Procedure
- ◆ Motions under Article 159 of the Basic Law relating to amendments to the Basic Law
- ◆ Other motions under the Basic Law
- ◆ Motions under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance to appoint select committees to conduct inquiries

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♦ Motions under Rule 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure for the adjournment of the Council	Not more than 1.5 hrs	1 ⁴	5 mins
♦ Motions under Rule 16(4) of the Rules of Procedure for the adjournment of the Council	Not more than 1.5 hrs <i>(including 15 mins for designated public officer(s) to reply)</i>	1	5 mins
♦ Motions under Rule 29(2) of the Rules of Procedure to amend subsidiary legislation and other instruments	Not more than 4 hrs	1 ⁵	5 mins
♦ Motions under Rule 49B(1) of the Rules of Procedure to relieve a Member of his duties	Not more than 4 hrs	1 ⁶	5 mins
♦ Motions under Rule 49B(1A) of the Rules of Procedure to censure a Member			

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♦ Motions under Rule 49E(2) of the Rules of Procedure (Motions on Reports of House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments)	Not more than 2 hrs	1	1	5 mins	5 mins
		(for whole debate if it is not divided into sessions)	(for each session when debate divided into sessions)	(for whole debate if it is not divided into sessions)	(for each session when debate divided into sessions)
♦ Motions under Rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure (Sanctions relating to Interests, Operating Expenses or Operating Funds)	Not more than 4 hrs		1 ⁷		5 mins
♦ Motions not intended to have legislative effect that are subject to allocation of slots to individual Members					
➤ <i>Mover of the motion</i>	}				
- introductory speech and reply			1		10 mins (in total)
- speech on proposed amendment(s)		Not more than 4 hrs		1	
➤ <i>Mover of amendment to the motion/ Other speakers</i>					5 mins

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IV. Other motions moved by Members or public officers under the following provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

- ◆ Rule 40(1) or (4)
(Adjournment of Debate or of Proceedings of a Committee of the Whole Council)
- ◆ Rule 49B(2A)
(Disqualification of Member from Office)
- ◆ Rule 54(4)
(Second Reading)
- ◆ Rule 55(1)(a)
(Committal of Bills)
- ◆ Rule 84(3A) or (4)
(Voting or Withdrawal in case of Direct Pecuniary Interest)
- ◆ Rule 88(1)
(Withdrawal of Members of the Press and of the Public)
- ◆ Rule 89(2)
(Procedure for Obtaining Leave for Member to Attend as Witness in Civil Proceedings)
- ◆ Rule 90(2)
(Procedure for Obtaining Leave to Give Evidence of Council Proceedings)
- ◆ Rule 91
(Suspension of Rules)

Not more than 2 hrs

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3 mins

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