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Fact Sheet

Legislative Council in figures

(data as at 31 July 2015)

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Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

| | Fourth Legislative Council (2008-2012) | Fifth Legislative Council (2012-2016) |
|---|--|---|
| Members | 60 | 70 |
| Returned by geographical constituencies | 30 | 35 |
| Returned by functional constituencies | 30 | 35 |
| Number of male and female Members | | |
| Male | 48 ⁽¹⁾ | 59 |
| Female | 11 | 11 |

Note: (1) One male Member returned by functional constituency resigned from office as a Member of the Legislative Council on 29 July 2012. As such, the Fourth Legislative Council comprised 48 male Members and 11 female Members when the term ended in September 2012.

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Fifth Legislative Council

| | |
|---|---|
| Average age | 58 years old |
| Age of youngest Member | 36 years old |
| Age of oldest Member | 79 years old |
| Place of birth | Hong Kong (52 Members) |
| First-time Members | 28 Members |
| Members who are currently Executive Council Members | Three Members |
| Members returned uncontested | 16 Members |
| Members' occupation | Full-time Legislator (25 Members) ⁽²⁾ Businessman/Businesswoman (14 Members) Lawyer (seven Members) Educator and Trade Unionist (five Members each) Medical Practitioner and Social Worker (two Members each) Accountant, Banker, Engineer, Executive, Head of Policy Institute, Head of Political Institute, Media Freelancer, Securities Dealer, Surveyor, and Tax Consultant (one Member each) |
| Academic attainment | Tertiary and above (65 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (33 Members) Doctorate Degree (12 Members) |

Note: (2) Ten of the 25 full-time legislators also serve as District Council members.

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

| | 1 Oct 2013 – 30 Sep 2014 | 1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sep 2015 |
|--|---|---|
| Monthly remuneration (HK\$) | | |
| President | 174,900 | 181,540 |
| President's Deputy cum Chairman of the House Committee | 131,180 | 136,160 |
| Member who does not serve on the Executive Council | 87,450 | 90,770 |
| Member who serves on the Executive Council | 58,300 | 60,510 |
| End-of-service gratuity ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Each Member | 15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁴⁾ | 15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Yearly medical allowance (HK\$) ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Each Member | 30,450 | 31,610 |
| Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$) | | |
| Accountable component for office operation ⁽⁵⁾ | not exceeding 2,242,130 | not exceeding 2,327,330 |
| Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling | not exceeding 191,610 | not exceeding 198,890 |
| (amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis) | (95,805) | (99,445) |
| President's yearly entertainment reimbursement (HK\$) | 191,790 | 199,080 |
| (amount which may be claimed without supporting documents) | (57,540) | (59,720) |

Notes: (3) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members have been provided with an annual accountable medical allowance and an end-of-service gratuity.

(4) 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.

(5) With effect from the Fifth Legislative Council, any unused balances of the office operation expenses reimbursement can be carried forward for use until the end of the existing term.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package (cont'd)

| | 1 Oct 2013 – 30 Sep 2014 | 1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sep 2015 |
|---|---|---|
| Per term/one-off expenses reimbursement (HK\$) | | |
| Setting up and information technology expenses reimbursement | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| (for Members who have claimed any setting up expenses reimbursement in the previous term) | (175,000) | (175,000) |
| Winding up expenses reimbursement | 186,844 plus actual severance pay | 193,944 plus actual severance pay |

Table 4 – Number of Legislative Council Committees

| | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 (8 Oct 2014 – 31 July 2015) |
|--|------------------|--|
| Standing Committees ⁽⁶⁾ , the House Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure and the Committee on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records | 6 | 6 |
| Subcommittees of the Finance Committee | 2 | 2 |
| Bills Committee(s) ⁽⁷⁾ | 18 | 20 |
| Panels (Subcommittees of Panels) | 18(10) | 18(9) |
| Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁷⁾ | 29 | 29 |
| Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation] | 5 | 6 |
| Select Committee | 1 | 1 |
| Investigation Committee | - | - |

Notes: (6) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members' Interests.

(7) The figures refer to the number of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation that have completed their work.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

| | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Council meetings | 37 | 38 | 37 | 36 | 35 |
| Subsidiary legislation scrutinized | 147 | 136 | 123 | 101 | 136 |
| Bills passed | 24 | 33 | 14 | 19 | 23 |
| Questions | 1 497 | 1 501 | 1 525 | 1 411 | 1 441 |
| Motions with legislative effect | | | | | |
| Moved | 46 | 38 | 42 | 37 | 39 |
| Passed | 40 | 36 | 42 | 35 | 38 |
| Motions under the <i>Basic Law</i> | | | | | |
| Moved | 2 ⁽⁸⁾ | 1 ⁽⁸⁾ | 2 ⁽⁹⁾ | - | 3 ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| Passed | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Motions moved under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance | | | | | |
| Moved | - | - | - | - | 4 ⁽¹¹⁾ |
| Passed | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| Motions relating to procedural matters | | | | | |
| Moved | 6 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 3 ⁽¹²⁾ |
| Passed | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Motions with no legislative effect | | | | | |
| Moved | 64 | 37 | 54 | 38 | 31 ⁽¹³⁾ |
| Passed | 47 | 23 | 30 | 26 | 14 |

Notes: (8) These motions were moved 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) The motions were moved respectively under Articles 73(7) and 73(9) of the *Basic Law*. According to Article 73(9), "[i]f a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the members of the Legislative Council charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision."

(10) The figure includes two motions that were moved under Article 75 of the *Basic Law* to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council, and one motion that was moved by the Government to amend Annex I to the *Basic Law* concerning the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

(11) These motions were grouped under "Motions relating to procedural matters" in the previous years.

(12) The figure includes motions that were moved under Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council to adjourn the debate or the proceedings of a committee of the whole Council.

(13) The figure includes motions that were moved under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedures of the Legislative Council to adjourn the Council.

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