



Legislative Council in figures

(Data as at 21 September 2020)

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Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

	Fifth Legislative Council (2012-2016)	Sixth Legislative Council⁽¹⁾
Members	70	70
Returned by geographical constituencies	35	35
Returned by functional constituencies	35	35
Number of male and female Members		
Male	59	55 ^{(2),(3),(4),(6),(7)}
Female	11	10 ^{(2),(3),(5),(8)}

- Notes: (1) The sixth term commenced on 1 October 2016 and was to end on 30 September 2020. On 31 July 2020, the Government announced that the Chief Executive in Council had decided to postpone the general election for the seventh term of the Legislative Council, originally scheduled for 6 September 2020, for one year to 5 September 2021 having regard to the severe COVID-19 epidemic situation. On 11 August 2020, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ("NPCSC") decided, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China and the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, that after 30 September 2020, the sixth term of the Legislative Council is to continue to discharge duties for not less than one year until the seventh term of office of the Legislative Council begins.
- (2) According to the Judgment of the Court of First Instance of the High Court ("CFI") on 15 November 2016, Sixtus LEUNG Chung-hang and YAU Wai-ching had been disqualified from assuming the office of a Member of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), and had vacated the same since 12 October 2016, and were not entitled to act as Members of LegCo.
- (3) According to the Judgment of the CFI on 14 July 2017, LEUNG Kwok-hung, Nathan LAW Kwun-chung, YIU Chung-yim and LAU Siu-lai had been disqualified from assuming the office of a Member of LegCo, and had vacated the same since 12 October 2016, and were not entitled to act as Members of LegCo.
- (4) Gary FAN Kwok-wai, AU Nok-hin, Vincent CHENG Wing-shun and Tony TSE Wai-chuen were declared to be returned as Members of LegCo at the LegCo by-election held on 11 March 2018, and took the oath to assume office at the Council meeting of 21 March 2018.
- (5) CHAN Hoi-yan was declared to be returned as a Member of LegCo at the LegCo by-election held on 25 November 2018, and took the oath to assume office at the Council meeting of 28 November 2018.
- (6) According to the Judgment of the CFI handed down on 2 September 2019 and 13 September 2019 respectively, AU Nok-hin and Gary FAN Kwok-wai were not duly elected as a Member of LegCo at the LegCo by-election held on 11 March 2018 and no other person was duly elected instead. According to the decision of the Court of Final Appeal of 17 December 2019 refusing their applications for leave to appeal and by virtue of section 72(5)(b) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), they have ceased to be Members of LegCo since 17 December 2019.
- (7) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), HO Kai-ming ceases to hold office as a Member of LegCo upon his resignation on 1 June 2020.
- (8) According to the Judgment of the CFI handed down on 21 May 2020, CHAN Hoi-yan was not duly elected as a Member of LegCo at the LegCo by-election held on 25 November 2018 and no other person was duly elected instead. According to the decision of the Court of Final Appeal of 18 September 2020 refusing her application for leave to appeal and by virtue of section 72(5)(b) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), she has ceased to be a Member of LegCo since 18 September 2020.

**Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Sixth Legislative Council
(as at 21 September 2020)**

Members returned uncontested		11 Members
Members also serving Executive Council		7 Members
Members also serving District Councils		11 Members
Average age		55 years old
Age of the youngest Member		37 years old
Age of the oldest Member		75 years old
Hong Kong-born Members		54 Members
First-time Members		21 Members
Members with tertiary education or above		59 Members
Members' occupational field	Full-time Legislator	24 Members
	Business	16 Members
	Legal	10 Members
	Education	5 Members
	Medical	2 Members
	Others	8 Members

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

	1 Oct 2018 – 30 Sep 2019	1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	197,080	202,000
President's Deputy cum Chairman of the House Committee	147,810	151,500
Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	98,540	101,000
Member who serves on the Executive Council	65,700	67,330

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

	1 Oct 2018 – 30 Sep 2019	1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020
End-of-service gratuity (% of the remuneration received)⁽⁹⁾		
Each Member	15% ⁽¹⁰⁾	15% ⁽¹¹⁾
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$)⁽⁹⁾		
Each Member	34,320	35,180
Upper limit of yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation ⁽¹²⁾	2,703,390	2,770,970
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	215,910	221,310
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(107,955)	(110,655)
President's yearly entertainment reimbursement (HK\$)		
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	216,120	221,520
	(64,840)	(66,460)
Per term/one-off expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Setting up and information technology expenses reimbursement	375,000	375,000
(for Members who have claimed reimbursement for setting up expenses in the previous term)	(262,500)	(262,500)
Winding up expenses reimbursement ⁽¹³⁾	225,283	230,914 ⁽¹⁴⁾

Notes: (9) With effect from the Fourth LegCo, Members have been provided with an end-of-service gratuity and an annual accountable medical allowance.

(10) An end-of-term gratuity equivalent to 15% of the remuneration that a Member receives during the term of office of LegCo will be payable to the Member upon the end of that term, provided that he or she completes the term of office.

(11) At its meeting on 11 September 2020, the Legislative Council Commission ("LCC") decided that (a) the gratuity for the four-year period from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020 should be payable to Members upon expiry of this period, irrespective of whether they will continue to serve as LegCo Members after 30 September 2020; (b) Members who serve the whole remaining term of the Sixth LegCo as extended will be provided with another tranche of gratuity counting and calculating from 1 October 2020 to the end of the extended Sixth LegCo; and (c) on or after the commencement of the extended Sixth LegCo on 1 October 2020, if a Member resigns or leaves office before the end of the extended Sixth LegCo, his/her eligibility for gratuity for the period he/she has served from 1 October 2020 to the effective date of cessation of office will be handled in accordance with the existing mechanism.

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

(13) On top of this, actual severance pay is also included.

(14) At its meeting on 11 September 2020, LCC decided that (a) if a Member decides not to continue to serve as a LegCo Member after 30 September 2020 and informs the Clerk to LegCo of his/her decision in writing on or before that date, he/she may claim Winding Up Expenses Reimbursement ("WUER") in accordance with "A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council" ("Reimbursement Guide"); (b) on or after the commencement of the extended Sixth LegCo on 1 October 2020, if a Member resigns or leaves office before the end of the extended Sixth LegCo, his/her eligibility for WUER will be handled in accordance with the existing mechanism set out in the Reimbursement Guide; and (c) if a Member has incurred winding up expenses before the NPCSC Decision, he/she may claim reimbursement for such expenses under WUER, notwithstanding that he/she will continue to serve as a LegCo Member after 30 September 2020, on the premise that there would be no change to the amounts of WUER claimable by the Member under the Reimbursement Guide.

Table 4 – Number of Legislative Council Committees

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Standing Committees ⁽¹⁵⁾ , 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) ⁽¹⁶⁾	9(18) ⁽¹⁷⁾	0(10)
Panels	18	18
Subcommittees of Panels	9	11
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽¹⁶⁾	4(32)	0(11)
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation]	7	5
Select Committee	1	1
Investigation Committee	2	2

Notes: (15) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members' Interests.

(16) The figures refer to the number of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation that are still in action, while the figures in parentheses refer to the number of those that have completed their work.

(17) At its meeting on 24 May 2019, the House Committee agreed to rescind the decision made on 12 April 2019 under Rule 75(4) of the Rules of Procedure to form the Bills Committee on Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Council meetings	35	33	42	36	30
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	197	158	147	177	212
Bills passed	29	13	28	17	23
Questions	1 456	1 146	1 368	1 173	1 125

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings (cont'd)

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	20	40	28	31	14
Passed	20	34	26	28	13
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	0	4	31	3	6
Passed	0	3	3	1	3
Motions moved under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance					
Moved	2	2	3	3	2
Passed	0	0	0	0	0
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved ⁽¹⁸⁾	11	0	10	1	3
Passed	2	0	3	0	1
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved ⁽¹⁹⁾	11	30	19	32	2
Passed	6	20	14	18	0

Notes: (18) From 2014-2015 onwards, figures include motions for adjournment of debate under Rule 40 and motions on proceedings under Rules 54, 55, 88 and 91 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council.

(19) From 2014-2015 onwards, figures include motions that were moved under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council to adjourn the Council.

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