



Legislative Council in figures

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Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

	Fifth Legislative Council (2012-2016)	Sixth Legislative Council⁽¹⁾
Seats	70	70
- Geographical constituencies	35	35
- Functional constituencies	35	35
Members by gender		
- Male	59	35 ^{(2),(3),(4),(6),(7),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14)}
- Female	11	7 ^{(2),(3),(5),(8),(9),(12),(13)}

- 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 to postpone the general election for the seventh term of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), 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, that after 30 September 2020, the sixth term of the LegCo is to continue to discharge duties for not less than one year until the seventh term of office of the LegCo begins. After the passage of the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 by the LegCo on 27 May 2021, the election day was further changed to 19 December 2021.
- (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 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 ceased 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.
- (9) As CHAN Chi-chuen, CHU Hoi-dick and Tanya CHAN decided not to continue to serve as a Member of LegCo after 30 September 2020, they have ceased to hold office as Members of LegCo since 1 October 2020.
- (10) According to the announcement made by the Government on 11 November 2020 pursuant to the Decision of the NPCSC on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of the LegCo, Kenneth LEUNG, KWOK Ka-ki, Dennis KWOK Wing-hang and Alvin YEUNG were disqualified from being Members of LegCo on 30 July 2020.
- (11) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), HUI Chi-fung ceased to hold office as a Member of LegCo upon his resignation on 12 November 2020.
- (12) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), Claudia MO ceased to hold office as a Member of LegCo upon her resignation on 13 November 2020.
- (13) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), James TO Kun-sun, LEUNG Yiu-chung, Joseph LEE Kok-long, WU Chi-wai, Charles Peter MOK, Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Helena WONG Pik-wan, IP Kin-yuen, Andrew WAN Siu-kin, LAM Cheuk-ting, SHIU Ka-chun, KWONG Chun-yu and Jeremy TAM Man-ho ceased to hold office as Members of LegCo upon their resignation on 1 December 2020.
- (14) According to the announcement made by the Government on 26 August 2021 pursuant to the Decision of the NPCSC on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of the LegCo, CHENG Chung-tai was disqualified from being a member of LegCo on 26 August 2021.

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Sixth Legislative Council⁽¹⁵⁾ (as at 27 Aug 2021)

Members returned uncontested		11 Members
Members also serving Executive Council		7 Members
Members also serving District Councils		5 Members
Average age		58 years old
Age of the youngest Member		40 years old
Age of the oldest Member		76 years old
Hong Kong-born Members		34 Members
First-time Members		13 Members
Members with tertiary education or above		36 Members
Members' occupational field	Full-time Legislator	13 Members
	Business	16 Members
	Legal	6 Members
	Education	1 Members
	Medical	1 Members
	Others	5 Members

Note: (15) Information is based on incumbent Members of the Sixth LegCo only.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration and reimbursement arrangements (as at 27 Aug 2021)

	1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020	1 Oct 2020 – 30 Sep 2021
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	202,000	205,640
President's Deputy cum Chairman of the House Committee	151,500	154,230
Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	101,000	102,820
Member who serves on the Executive Council	67,330	68,550

Table 3 – Members' remuneration and reimbursement arrangements (as at 27 Aug 2021) (cont'd)

	1 Oct 2019 – 30 Sep 2020	1 Oct 2020 – 30 Sep 2021
End-of-service gratuity (% of the remuneration received)⁽¹⁶⁾		
Each Member ⁽¹⁷⁾	15% ⁽¹⁸⁾	15%
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$)⁽¹⁶⁾		
Each Member	35,180	35,810
Upper limit of yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation ⁽¹⁹⁾	2,770,970	2,820,850
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	221,310	225,290
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(110,655)	(112,645)
President's yearly entertainment reimbursement (HK\$)		
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(66,460)	(67,655)
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 ⁽²⁰⁾	230,914 ⁽²¹⁾	235,071

Notes: (16) With effect from the Fourth LegCo, Members have been provided with an end-of-service gratuity and an annual accountable medical allowance.

(17) 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.

(18) 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.

(19) 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.

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

(21) 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

	2019-2020	2020-2021 (as at 27 Aug 2021)
Standing Committees ⁽²²⁾ , 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) ⁽²³⁾	0 (10)	11 (18)
Panels	18	18
Subcommittees of Panels	11	10
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽²³⁾	0 (11)	3 (26)
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation]	5	4
Select Committee	1	0
Investigation Committee	2	0

Notes: (22) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members' Interests.

(23) 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.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021 (as at 27 Aug 2021)
Council meetings	33	42	36	30	40
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized ⁽²⁴⁾	158	147	177	212	213
Bills passed	13	28	17	23	32
Questions	1 146	1 368	1 173	1 125	1 341

Note: (24) Including only those scrutinized under the "negative vetting" procedure.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings (cont'd)

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021 (as at 27 Aug 2021)
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	40	28	31	14	31
Passed	34	26	28	13	31
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	4	31	3	6	5
Passed	3	3	1	3	5
Motions moved under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance					
Moved	2	3	3	2	0
Passed	0	0	0	0	0
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved ⁽²⁵⁾	0	10	1	3	1
Passed	0	3	0	1	0
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved ⁽²⁶⁾	30	19	32	2	29
Passed	20	14	18	0	24

Notes: (25) Including 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 LegCo.

(26) Including Government motions not intended to have legislative effect and motions that were moved under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the LegCo to adjourn the Council.

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