



Legislative Council in figures

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Table 1 – Size and composition of the Legislative Council

	Sixth Legislative Council (2016-2021)	Seventh Legislative Council ⁽¹⁾ (2022-2025)
Total number of seats	70	90
- Election Committee	-	40
- Functional constituencies	35	30
- Geographical constituencies	35	20

Note: (1) The National People's Congress ("NPC") adopted the Decision on Improving the Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 11 March 2021. This was followed by amendments to Annexes I and II of the Basic Law by the Standing Committee of NPC ("NPCSC") on 30 March 2021 and the passage of the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 by the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 27 May 2021. Pursuant to the legislative amendments, the number of Members will be expanded to 90 for each LegCo term, along with changes to the composition of LegCo. See Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (2021).

Table 2 – Profiles of incumbent Members of the Legislative Council

	Sixth Legislative Council ⁽²⁾	Seventh Legislative Council ⁽³⁾⁻⁽⁵⁾
Total number of Members ⁽⁶⁾	42 (100%)	89 (100%)
- Males	35 (83%)	73 (82%)
- Females	7 (17%)	16 (18%)
Number of Members born in Hong Kong	34 (81%)	67 (75%)
Average age	58	53 ⁽⁷⁾
Age of the youngest Member	40	34
Age of the oldest Member	76	74
Members returned uncontested	11 (26%)	0 (0%)
Members also serving Executive Council	7 (17%)	8 (9%)
Members also serving District Councils	5 (12%)	7 (8%)

Notes: (2) Within the Sixth Term, a total of 33 Members (including three out of five Members returned from LegCo by-elections held in March 2018 and November 2018) had ceased to hold office on the grounds of (a) disqualification in accordance with the judgments of the Court of First Instance of the High Court ("CFI") or Decision of NPCSC on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of LegCo; (b) not being duly elected at LegCo by-elections, according to CFI's judgments; (c) resignation; and (d) decision not to serve as a Member on the extended Sixth LegCo since October 2020. For changes in membership, see Legislative Council (2021).

(3) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), Alice MAK Mei-kuen, CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, Nelson LAM Chi-yuen and SUN Dong ceased to hold office as Members of LegCo upon their resignations on 19 June 2022.

(4) Adrian Pedro HO King-hong, SHANG Hailong, CHAN Wing-kwong and William WONG Kam-fai were declared to be returned as Members of LegCo at the LegCo by-election held on 18 December 2022, and took the oath to assume office on 19 December 2022.

(5) Pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), Stephen WONG Yuen-shan ceased to hold office as a Member of LegCo upon his resignation on 27 December 2022.

(6) Figure in parentheses refer to the percentage share amongst incumbent Members.

(7) Average age is derived from the information reported by Members.

Table 2 – Profiles of incumbent Members of the Legislative Council (cont'd)

		Sixth Legislative Council	Seventh Legislative Council
First-time Members ⁽⁸⁾		13 (31%)	58 (65%)
Members without political affiliation		8 (19%)	34 (38%)
Members with tertiary education or above		36 (86%)	88 (99%) ⁽⁹⁾
Occupational field as reported by Members	Legislator/Legislator-cum- District Councillor	13 (31%)	21 (24%)
	Others ⁽¹⁰⁾	29 (69%)	68 (76%)
	- Business	16 (38%)	31 (35%)
	- Legal	6 (14%)	10 (11%)
	- Education	1 (2%)	6 (7%)
	- Trade union	1 (2%)	6 (7%)
	- Engineering	1 (2%)	3 (3%)
	- Accounting	1 (2%)	2 (2%)
- Other fields	3 (7%)	10 (11%)	

Notes: (8) Referring to Members who have not previously served as LegCo Members since the first LegCo of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was established in July 1998.

(9) Percentage share regarding Members' educational attainment is derived from information reported by Members.

(10) Members who have reported any occupation other than "LegCo Member" and "District Council Member" (Members may report more than one occupation).

Table 3 – Members' remuneration and reimbursement arrangements

	Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	Effective from 1 Oct 2022
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	206,260	209,760
President's Deputy cum Chairman of the House Committee	154,690	157,320
Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	103,130	104,880
Member who serves on the Executive Council	68,750	69,920
End-of-service gratuity (% of the remuneration received)		
Each Member	15%	15%
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$)		
Each Member	35,920	36,530
Upper limit of yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation ⁽¹¹⁾	2,829,310	2,877,410
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	225,970	229,810
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(112,985)	(114,905)

Note: (11) 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.

Table 3 – Members’ remuneration and reimbursement arrangements (cont’d)

	Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	Effective from 1 Oct 2022
President’s yearly entertainment reimbursement (HK\$)	226,190	230,040
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(67,855)	(69,010)
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	235,776	239,784

Table 4 – Number of Legislative Council Committees

	2022	2023 (as at 9 Jan)
Standing Committees ⁽¹²⁾ , 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) ⁽¹³⁾	2 (12)	5 (0)
Panels	18	18
Subcommittees of Panels	5	5
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽¹³⁾	1 (18)	2 (0)
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation]	7	5
Select Committee	0	0
Investigation Committee	0	0

Notes: (12) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members’ Interests.

(13) 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

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2022	2023 (as at 9 Jan)
Council meetings	36	30	49	33 ⁽¹⁴⁾	0
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized ⁽¹⁵⁾	177	212	310	176	0
Bills passed ⁽¹⁶⁾	17	23	48	17	0
Questions	1 173	1 125	1 644	1 162	0
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	31	14	37	36	0
Passed	28	13	37	35	0
Motions under the Basic Law					
Moved	3	6	6	1	0
Passed	1	3	6	1	0
Motions moved under Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance					
Moved	3	2	0	1	0
Passed	0	0	0	1	0
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved ⁽¹⁷⁾	1	3	1	2	0
Passed	0	1	0	2	0
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved ⁽¹⁸⁾	32	2	36	34	0
Passed	18	0	31	30	0

Notes: (14) Including 7 meetings conducted remotely under section 27(1) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance and Rule 81A of the Rules of Procedure of the LegCo for the period from 16 February to 6 April, upon the onset of the fifth wave of COVID-19 epidemic.

(15) Including only those scrutinized under the “negative vetting” procedure.

(16) Including both Government Bills and Member’s Bills.

(17) 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.

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

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