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**Position Report on Bills Committees/subcommittees
(as at 25 March 2003)**

Summary	(a)	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action	:	5	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	(b)	Number of other subcommittees under House Committee in action	:	3	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	(c)	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	15	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	(d)	Number of Bills Committees held in abeyance	:	3	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	(e)	Number of Bills Committees on waiting list	:	2	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	(f)	Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	1	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	(g)	Bills pending decision of House Committee	:	2	(see <u>List G</u> for details)

List A : Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 and United Nations Sanctions (Angola) (Suspension of Operation) Regulation 2002 - Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255	4.10.02 Hon Margaret NG	4 30.10.02 10.12.02 21.1.03 25.2.03		The Subcommittee completed its deliberations on 25.2.03. A draft report including legal opinions on four issues of concern will be prepared for the Subcommittee's comments before reporting to the House Committee.
2. Subcommittee on the draft Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinance (Amendment of Section 2(2)) Order 2002 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	6.12.02 Hon James TO Kun-sun	2 8.1.03 17.3.03		Next meeting to be scheduled.

<p>3. Subcommittee on the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Ireland) Order and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Netherlands) Order - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269</p>	<p>24.1.03 Hon James TO Kun-sun</p>	<p>1 13.3.03</p>		<p>Next meeting to be held on 9.4.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.</p>
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Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks
4. Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation relating to Village Representative elections - Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	21.2.03 28.2.03 Hon Andrew WONG Wang -fat, JP	2 3.3.03 13.3.03	7.3.03 (Verbal report) 21.3.03 (1st report)	Next meeting will be arranged once another item of subsidiary legislation relating to Village Representative elections is introduced into Legislative Council.
5. Subcommittee on Public Revenue Protection (Revenue) Order 2003 made under section 2 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance (Cap.120) - Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612	21.3.03 Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	1 25.3.03		Next meeting to be held on 3.4.03 to meet with deputations and the Administration.

List B : Other subcommittees under House Committee in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	20.10.00 Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP	15 10.11.00 7.12.00 1.3.01 4.4.01 18.4.01 3.5.01 21.6.01 16.10.01 15.11.01 10.1.02 7.3.02 2.5.02 4.7.02 14.11.02 19.2.03		Next meeting to be held on 22.5.03.
2. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement - Mrs Anna LO PASA Tel : 2869 9480	20.10.00 Hon NG Leung-sing, JP	8 1.11.00 9.11.00 30.11.00 16.3.01 15.6.01 26.6.01 4.10.01 11.4.02	17.11.00 (1st report) 8.12.00 (2nd report) 29.6.01 (3rd report) 2.11.01 (4th report) 31.5.02 (5th report)	

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks
3. Subcommittee to study the draft Ocean Park Bylaw - Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	28.2.03 Hon James TO Kun-sun	1 19.3.03		Next meeting to be held on 14.4.03 to discuss with the Administration and the Ocean Park Corporation.

List C : Bills Committees in action

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
1. Bills Committee on Prevention of Child Pornography Bill - Mrs Sharon TONG CAS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	23.1.02	25.1.02 Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo	11 17.4.02 3.5.02 17.5.02 3.6.02 26.6.02 17.10.02 8.11.02 29.11.02 9.1.03 17.1.03 18.2.03			Next meeting to be held on 2.4.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.
2. Bills Committee on Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	7.11.01	9.11.01 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	10 18.4.02 16.7.02 18.10.02 24.10.02 19.11.02 13.12.02 9.1.03 21.1.03 17.2.03 3.3.03			Next two meetings to be held on 31.3.03 and 14.4.03 to continue clause-by-clause examination of the Bill.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
3. Bills Committee on Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Mr Andy LAU CAS(1)2 Tel : 2869 9577	24.4.02	26.4.02 Hon LAU Ping-cheung	11 5.7.02 19.9.02 24.10.02 11.11.02 18.11.02 9.12.02 7.1.03 20.1.03 13.2.03 22.2.03 (visit) 25.2.03 18.3.03			Next two meetings to be held on 1.4.03 and 7.4.03 to continue clause-by-clause examination of the Bill.
4. Bills Committee on Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Miss Polly YEUNG CAS(1)3 Tel : 2869 9246	15.5.02	17.5.02 Hon SIN Chung-kai	9 12.7.02 25.7.02 7.10.02 6.11.02 3.12.02 12.12.02 7.1.03 27.2.03 19.3.03			Next meeting to be held on 4.4.03 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
5. Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 and Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612	19.12.01 12.2.03	4.1.02 Hon SIN Chung-kai	7 10.7.02 16.9.02 8.10.02 7.11.02 10.12.02 14.2.03 4.3.03			Next meeting to be held on 7.4.03 to meet with the Administration.
6. Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001 - Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255	9.1.02	11.1.02 Hon Margaret NG	9 22.7.02 23.9.02 2.10.02 4.11.02 2.12.02 14.1.03 13.2.03 11.3.03 21.3.03			Next meeting to be held when the Administration is ready to continue discussion of Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Miss Becky YU CAS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213	31.1.02	1.2.02 Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	15 24.7.02 4.10.02 15.10.02 22.10.02 6.11.02 11.11.02 18.11.02			Next four meetings to be held on 3.4.03, 15.4.03, 24.4.03 and 6.5.03 to meet with the Administration.

7.	Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Miss Becky YU CAS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			28.11.02 6.12.02 9.1.03 23.1.03 20.2.03 27.2.03 12.3.03 20.3.03			
8.	Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255	17.4.02	26.4.02 Dr Hon LO Wing-lok	6 23.12.02 20.1.03 27.1.03 26.2.03 11.3.03 20.3.03			Proposed Committee Stage amendments to be moved by the Bills Committee to be circulated to members for comments.
9.	Bills Committee on Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	29.5.02	31.5.02 Hon Margaret NG	2 14.2.03 14.3.03			Next meeting to be held on 10.4.03 to meet with legal professional bodies and to continue discussion with the Administration.
10.	Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	4.12.02	6.12.02 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	2 27.2.03 17.3.03			Next meeting to be held on 27.3.03 to meet with deputations and the Administration.
11.	Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP DSG Tel : 2869 9463	11.12.02	13.12.02 Hon SIN Chung-kai	1 27.2.03			Next meeting to be held on 11.4.03 to meet with deputations and the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
12. Bills Committee on National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill - Mrs Sharon TONG CAS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	26.2.03	28.2.03 Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman) Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	2 6.3.03 25.3.03			Next meeting to be held on 27.3.03 to meet with the Administration. Meetings in April 2003 to be held on 1.4.03, 8.4.03, 15.4.03, 22.4.03 and 29.4.03 to meet with the Administration, and on 12.4.03 and 26.4.03 to meet with deputations.
13. Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	18.12.02	3.1.03 Hon Margaret NG	1 19.3.03			Next two meetings to be held on 8.4.03 and 23.4.03 to meet with the Administration. A meeting is scheduled for 12.5.03 for meeting with deputations.
14. Bills Committee on Tung Chung Cable Car Bill - Mr Andy LAU CAS(1)2 Tel : 2869 9577	12.2.03	14.2.03 Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP	1 17.3.03			Next two meetings to be held on 31.3.03 and 4.4.03 to meet with the Administration.

<p>15. Bills Committee on Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244</p>	<p>19.2.03</p>	<p>21.2.03</p>				<p>First meeting to be held on 1.4.03 to elect the Chairman and to meet with the Administration.</p>
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List D : Bills Committees held in abeyance

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Remarks
1. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000 - Ms Anita SIT CAS(1)6 Tel : 2525 3331	18.10.00	20.10.00 Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	3 6.11.00 20.11.00 4.12.00	At the House Committee meeting on 2.3.01, the Bills Committee reported that it had identified a number of problems with the anti-avoidance safeguards proposed in the Bill and had requested the Administration to further discuss the problems with parties concerned. Members agreed that the Bills Committee's work should be held in abeyance pending the Administration's response.
2. Bills Committee on Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	23.5.01	25.5.01 Hon Margaret NG	5 12.7.01 27.9.01 22.10.01 14.11.01 5.12.01	At the House Committee meeting on 7.12.01, the Bills Committee recommended that the scrutiny of the Bill should be held in abeyance to allow time for the Administration to conduct consultation on, and work out the details of, a new proposal. The House Committee agreed to the Bills Committee's recommendation.
3. Bills Committee on Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255	20.6.01	22.6.01 Dr Hon LO Wing-lok	4 14.12.01 25.1.02 22.2.02 22.3.02	At the House Committee meeting on 1.11.02, the Bills Committee reported that as the Administration was not in a position to report back to the Bills Committee in the immediate future, it agreed to hold in abeyance the consideration of the Bill, pending the Administration's response to the outstanding issues.

List E : Bills Committees on waiting list

Name of Bills Committee	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee
1. Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2003	To amend the Legislative Council Ordinance to provide for the composition of the Legislative Council after the expiry of its current term of office; and establish a scheme to provide financial assistance to candidates at an election, who meet the criteria prescribed in the Bill, at a rate specified in the Bill, in respect of election expenses incurred by them.	26.2.03	28.2.03
2. Bills Committee on Construction Workers Registration Bill	To make provisions for the registration and regulation of construction workers personally carrying out construction work on a construction site and the establishment of a Construction Workers Registration Authority	19.3.03	21.3.03

List F : Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate

Name of Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered	Date of resumption of Second Reading debate (if known)	Remarks
1. The Bank of East Asia, Limited (Merger of Subsidiaries) Bill	12.3.03	21.3.03		At the House Committee meeting on 21.3.03, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

List G : Bills pending decision of House Committee

Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was/will be considered	Remarks
1. Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill 2001	To empower the Construction Industry Training Authority to arrange for and cover the costs of the medical examination of persons employed in prescribed occupations in the construction industry involving exposure to hazardous substances.	14.3.01	16.3.01 21.2.03 28.2.03 7.3.03	<p>At the House Committee meeting on 16.3.01, Members agreed to defer a decision on the Bill pending the introduction of the related regulation to be made under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance.</p> <p>At the House Committee meeting on 21.2.03, Members noted that the related regulation had still not been introduced. Members agreed that the Administration should be asked to expedite action.</p> <p>The Director of Administration (D of Adm) provided a written response in his letter dated 27.2.03. At the House Committee meeting on 28.2.03, Members agreed to defer discussion on D of Adm's letter to the meeting on 7.3.03.</p> <p>At the House Committee meeting on 7.3.03, Members agreed that a decision on the Bill be deferred, pending the discussion of the Panel on Manpower with the Administration on its proposal to hold the proposed regulation to be made under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance in abeyance.</p>

Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was/will be considered	Remarks
2. Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003	<p>To amend -</p> <p>(a) the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to add a requirement for the issue of a solicitor's unconditional practising certificate, to set up a Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training, and to provide for other minor amendments;</p> <p>(b) the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap. 219) to provide for presumptions of due execution of deeds by persons authorized by corporations aggregate;</p> <p>(c) the Costs in Criminal Cases Ordinance (Cap. 492) to enable a magistrate to award costs to a defendant on a review of his decision instituted by the prosecution;</p> <p>(d) the Labour Tribunal Ordinance (Cap.25) and the Small Claims Tribunal Ordinance (Cap. 338) to allow certain public officers to appear on behalf of the Secretary of Justice before those Tribunals;</p>	19.3.03	21.3.03 28.3.03	<p>At the House Committee meeting on 21.3.03, Members agreed that a decision on whether the Bill was ready for resumption of Second Reading debate be deferred to a future meeting, pending the Legal Service Division's further report.</p>

Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was/will be considered	Remarks
2. Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>	(e) the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption Ordinance (Cap. 204) by replacing references to "Crown servant" with "prescribed officer", and adding a definition of the term in both Ordinances; and (f) various Ordinances and subsidiary legislation to effect miscellaneous amendments to remove existing errors and to update references to titles of Ordinances.			