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**Position Report on Bills Committees/subcommittees  
(as at 20 May 2003)**

<b>Summary</b>	(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	:	4	(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	:	4	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	(e)	Number of Bills Committees on waiting list	:	6	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	(f)	Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	3	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	(g)	Bills pending decision of House Committee	:	1	(see <u>List G</u> for details)

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## 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 is being 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>2 13.3.03 9.4.03</p>		<p>The Administration's response to certain outstanding issues is being circulated to members.</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  Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP	4 3.3.03 13.3.03 16.4.03 5.5.03	7.3.03 (Verbal report) 21.3.03 (1st report) 25.4.03 (2nd verbal report) 9.5.03 (3rd verbal report) 16.5.03 (2nd report)	Next meeting to be arranged once another item of subsidiary legislation relating to Village Representative elections is introduced into the Legislative Council.
5. Subcommittee on Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	16.5.03			First meeting to be held on 26.5.03 to elect the Chairman and to meet with 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 to discuss the progress of outstanding projects and the way forward.
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	2 19.3.03 14.4.03		The response from the Administration and the Ocean Park Corporation has been circulated to members for comments. If no comment is received from members, the Subcommittee will report to House Committee that it does not object to the gazettal of the draft Ocean Park Bylaw.
4. Subcommittee on proposed senior judicial appointments - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	16.5.03			First meeting to be held on 22.5.03 to elect the Chairman and to meet with the Administration.

## 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	13 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 2.4.03 30.4.03			Next two meetings to be held on 29.5.03 and 5.6.03 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	13 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 26.5.03 and 30.5.03 to discuss the outstanding issues with the Administration and to examine the draft Committee Stage amendments proposed by 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
2. Bills Committee on Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			31.3.03 14.4.03 19.5.03			
3. 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	11 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 30.4.03 12.5.03			Next meeting to be held on 23.5.03 to meet with the Administration.
4. 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	9 10.7.02 16.9.02 8.10.02 7.11.02 10.12.02 14.2.03			Next meeting to be held on 3.6.03 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
4. Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 and Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			4.3.03 7.4.03 9.5.03			

<p>5. Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Miss Becky YU CAS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213</p>	<p>31.1.02</p>	<p>1.2.02  Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP</p>	<p>19 24.7.02 4.10.02 15.10.02 22.10.02 6.11.02 11.11.02 18.11.02 28.11.02 6.12.02 9.1.03 23.1.03 20.2.03 27.2.03 12.3.03 20.3.03 3.4.03 24.4.03 6.5.03 20.5.03</p>			<p>Next five meetings to be held on 30.5.03, 3.6.03, 6.6.03, 10.6.03 and 12.6.03 to meet with the Administration.</p>
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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
6. 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	5 14.2.03 14.3.03 10.4.03 25.4.03 13.5.03			Next meeting to be held on 29.5.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.
7. 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	6 27.2.03 17.3.03 27.3.03 11.4.03 9.5.03 12.5.03			Next three meetings to be held on 30.5.03, 3.6.03 and 17.6.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.
8. 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	4 27.2.03 11.4.03 22.4.03 9.5.03			Next meeting to be held on 22.5.03 to meet with the Administration.

<p>9. Bills Committee on National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill - Mrs Sharon TONG CAS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254</p>	<p>26.2.03</p>	<p>28.2.03  Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman)  Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)</p>	<p>16 6.3.03 25.3.03 27.3.03 1.4.03 (2 sessions) 8.4.03 (2 sessions) 12.4.03 (2 sessions)</p>		<p>Meetings in May 2003 to be held on 24.5.03, 27.5.03 and 31.5.03 to meet with the Administration.</p>
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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
9. Bills Committee on National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill - Mrs Sharon TONG CAS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			15.4.03 (2 sessions) 22.4.03 (2 sessions) 26.4.03 (2 sessions) 29.4.03 (2 sessions) 3.5.03 (morning) (2 sessions) 3.5.03 (afternoon) (2 sessions) 10.5.03 (2 sessions) 13.5.03 (2 sessions) 17.5.03 (2 sessions) 20.5.03 (2 sessions)			

<p>10. Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244</p>	<p>18.12.02</p>	<p>3.1.03  Hon Margaret NG</p>	<p>5 19.3.03 8.4.03 23.4.03 5.5.03 12.5.03 (2 sessions)</p>		<p>Next six meetings to be held on 22.5.03, 5.6.03, 19.6.03, 30.6.03, 17.7.03 and 31.7.03 to meet with the Administration.</p>
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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
11. Bills Committee on Revenue Bill 2003 - Miss Becky YU CAS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213	9.4.03	11.4.03  Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	3 24.4.03 16.5.03 20.5.03			Next meeting to be held on 23.5.03 to meet with the Administration.
12. Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	26.2.03	28.2.03  Hon Andrew WONG Wang -fat, JP	2 5.5.03 15.5.03			Next two meetings to be held on 29.5.03 and 5.6.03 to meet with deputations and the Administration respectively.
13. Bills Committee on Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2003 - Miss Polly YEUNG CAS(1)3 Tel : 2869 9246	9.4.03	11.4.03  Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	1 13.5.03			Next two meetings to be held on 27.5.03 and 6.6.03 to meet with deputations and the Administration respectively.
14. Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	9.4.03	11.4.03  Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP	1 9.5.03			Next four meetings to be held on 23.5.03, 6.6.03, 10.6.03 and 12.6.03 to meet with the Administration. A meeting is scheduled for 28.5.03 to meet with deputations.

15. Bills Committee on Construction Workers Registration Bill - Mr Andy LAU CAS(1)2 Tel : 2869 9577	19.3.03	21.3.03				First meeting to be held on 2.6.03 to elect the Chairman and to meet with the Administration.
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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.

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
4. Bills Committee on Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	19.2.03	21.2.03  Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP	2 1.4.03 28.4.03	At the House Committee meeting on 2.5.03, the Bills Committee reported that as the Administration was prepared to reconsider the way forward on the Bill, the Bills Committee agreed to the Administration's proposal to hold consideration of the Bill in abeyance.

## 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
<p>1. Bills Committee on Construction Industry Levy (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003</p>	<p>To amend the Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 317) (ITCIO) and the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 360) (PCO) to -</p> <p>(a) extend the application of construction industry levy to electrical and mechanical (E&amp;M) works in the construction industry;</p> <p>(b) empower the Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) to engage outside bodies in providing training courses for the construction industry and in assessing the standards of skills of workers in the construction industry;</p> <p>(c) correspondingly extend the levy under PCO to E&amp;M works;</p> <p>(d) amend the composition of CITA to add to its membership a person nominated by the Hong Kong E&amp;M Contractors' Association Limited, an academic staff member of a university in Hong Kong and 2 persons from the construction industry; and</p> <p>(e) adapt certain provisions of ITCIO and PCO to bring them into conformity with the Basic Law and with Hong Kong's status as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.</p>	<p>9.4.03</p>	<p>11.4.03</p>
<p>2. Bills Committee on Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003</p>	<p>To amend the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) (EO), the Education Regulations (Cap. 279 sub. leg. A), and the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320) -</p> <p>(a) to permit schools and post secondary colleges to conduct courses on general holidays;</p> <p>(b) to abolish the requirement for registration as a separate school for institutions that also provide evening instructions;</p>	<p>9.4.03</p>	<p>11.4.03</p>

Name of Bills Committee	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee
<p>2. Bills Committee on Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2003 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i></p>	<p>(c) to enable the Chief Executive to make regulations for continuing education and training for teachers and to make different provisions for different types of schools or teachers;</p> <p>(d) to empower the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower to waive the requirements of any regulations made under section 84 of EO;</p> <p>(e) to revise the qualification requirements of registered and permitted teachers;</p> <p>(f) to establish an Appeal Boards Panel and provide for the composition, appointment and terms of office of its members;</p> <p>(g) to revise the composition of an Appeal Board; and</p> <p>to provide for incidental and related matters.</p>		
<p>3. Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003</p>	<p>(a) To provide a statutory framework for the registration of geotechnical engineers, and the appointment, duties and discipline of registered geotechnical engineers;</p> <p>(b) To empower the Building Authority (BA) to suspend authorized persons, registered structural engineers or registered geotechnical engineers from certifying minor works (defined in the Bill) in situations prescribed in the Bill;</p> <p>(c) To provide a statutory framework for the registration of minor works contractors and the appointment, duties, discipline and regulation of registered minor works contractors;</p> <p>(d) To enable category I or II minor works (defined in the Bill) to be carried out if the conditions prescribed in the Bill are met, and category III (defined in the Bill) minor works to be carried out without obtaining approval and consent of the BA;</p>	30.4.03	2.5.03

Name of Bills Committee	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee
<p>3. Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i></p>	<p>(e) To enable the BA to refuse the issue of temporary occupation permit or occupation permit where fire service installation or certain other equipment have not been provided;</p> <p>(f) To empower the BA to require an owner of land or structure, or a person under an obligation to maintain the land or structure under the Government lease, to appoint an authorized person, a registered structural engineer or a registered geotechnical engineer to carry out investigation of dangerous hillsides;</p> <p>(g) To require the maintenance of emergency vehicular access;</p> <p>(h) To empower the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands to make regulations for the registration and control of registered geotechnical engineers and registered minor works contractors, and for matters relating to the provision of emergency vehicular access;</p> <p>(i) To prohibit obstruction of persons employed or engaged by an owners' corporation in carrying out works ordered by the BA;</p> <p>(j) To create offences for contravention of new provisions, and to increase fines for certain offences under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123);</p> <p>(k) To make certain related or consequential amendments to the Building (Administration) Regulations (Cap. 123 sub. leg. A); and</p> <p>(l) To amend the Building (Planning) Regulations (Cap. 123 sub. leg. F) to prescribe the specifications of supporting structures of air-conditioning units projecting over a street and signboards, and to require provision of emergency vehicular access.</p>		

Name of Bills Committee	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee
4. Bills Committee on Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Amendment) Bill 2003	<p>To amend the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority Ordinance (Cap. 261) to -</p> <p>(a) empower The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to conduct examinations and assessments on its own, jointly with or as agent for other persons and organizations in Hong Kong or elsewhere, and to award certificates to candidates who attain a standard determined by the Authority in such examinations and assessments; and</p> <p>(b) increase the fines for breach of secrecy and impersonation from \$10,000 to level 4 (\$25,000).</p>	30.4.03	2.5.03
5. Bills Committee on Deposit Protection Scheme Bill	<p>(a) To provide for the establishment of a mandatory Deposit Protection Scheme (DPS) for the purpose of providing compensation to depositors under specified circumstances, a DPS Board and a DPS Fund;</p> <p>(b) To provide for contributions to the Fund and for the entitlement to and payment of compensation from the Fund; and</p> <p>(c) To provide for incidental and consequential matters.</p>	30.4.03	2.5.03
6. Bills Committee on Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003	<p>To amend the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) to -</p> <p>(a) introduce both civil remedies and criminal sanction against the use or possession of unauthorized decoders for commercial purposes; and</p> <p>(b) provide civil remedies against the use or possession of unauthorized decoders to view subscription television programmes.</p>	14.5.03	16.5.03

## 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. Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001	9.1.02	11.1.02 25.4.03	21.5.03	At the House Committee meeting on 25.4.03, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill. The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 21.5.03.
2. Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Bill 2003	7.5.03	9.5.03	21.5.03	At the House Committee meeting on 9.5.03, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill. The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 21.5.03.
3. Tung Chung Cable Car Bill	12.2.03	14.2.03 16.5.03	28.5.03	At the House Committee meeting on 16.5.03, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill. The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 28.5.03.

## 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>