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Position Report on Bills Committees/subcommittees
(as at 12 November 2002)

Summary	(a)	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action	:	4	(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 List C for details)
	(d)	Number of Bills Committees held in abeyance	:	3	(see List D for details)
	(e)	Number of Bills Committees on waiting list	:	3	(see List E for details)
	(f)	Bills pending decision of House Committee	:	1	(see List F for details)

List A : Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action											
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 4.10.02 Hon Margaret NG	Date and number of meetings held 1 30.10.02	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 3.12.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.							
 2. Subcommittee on Karaoke Establishments (Licensing) Regulation and Karaoke Establishments (Fees) Regulation Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255 	1.11.02			First meeting to be held on 15.11.02 to elect Chairman and to meet with the Administration.							

Nai Cle 3.	ne of Subcommittee rk Subcommittee on Patents (General) (Amendment) (No.2) Rules 2002	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 8.11.02	Date and number of meetings held	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks First meeting to be held on 14.11.02 to elect Chairman and to meet with the Administration.
	- Mr TSANG Siu-cheung SAS(1)7 Tel : 2869 9215				
4.	Subcommittee on Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation, Chinese Medicines Regulation and Chinese Medicines Traders (Regulatory) Regulation - Ms Doris CHAN CAS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9255	8.11.02			First meeting to be held on 19.11.02 to elect Chairman and to meet with the Administration.

	List B : Other subco	ommittees u	inder House	Committee in action
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 1. Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 20.10.00 Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP	Date and number of meetings held 13 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	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 14.11.02 to continue discussion with the Administration on the progress of outstanding projects.
 2. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement Mrs Anna LO PASA Tel : 2869 9480 	20.10.00 Hon NG Leung-sing, JP	4.7.02 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)	

	Date of formation of	Date and number of	Expected date to report to	
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	meetings	House	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Remarks
 3. Subcommittee on draft subsidiary legislation to be made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612 	22.2.02 Hon SIN Chung-kai (Chairman) Hon Margaret NG (Deputy Chairman)	12 8.3.02 28.3.02 29.4.02 (2 sessions) 6.6.02 7.6.02 (2 sessions) 9.7.02 (2 sessions) 15.7.02 16.9.02 18.9.02 20.9.02 7.10.02 24.10.02		Next meeting to be scheduled.

	List C : Bills Committees in action									
Name of Bills Committee Clerk 1. Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Miss Becky YU CAS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 20.6.01	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 22.6.01 Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	Date and number of meetings held 11 29.11.01 6.3.02 19.4.02 17.5.02 10.6.02 8.7.02 16.7.02 23.7.02 31.7.02 25.9.02 5.11.02	Expected date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.				
 2. 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	7 17.4.02 3.5.02 17.5.02 3.6.02 26.6.02 17.10.02 8.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 29.11.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.				

Nai Cle	ne of Bills Committee rk	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 Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CAS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	7.11.01	9.11.01 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	4 18.4.02 16.7.02 18.10.02 24.10.02			Next meeting to be held on 19.11.02 to meet with the Administration.
4.	Bills Committee on Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Mrs Sharon TONG CAS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	9.1.02	11.1.02 Hon IP Kwok-him, JP	4 10.7.02 4.10.02 11.10.02 28.10.02			Next meeting to be held on 14.11.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.
5.	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	4 5.7.02 19.9.02 24.10.02 11.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 18.11.02 to meet with the Administration.
6.	Bills Committee on Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	4.7.01	10.7.01 Hon IP Kwok-him, JP	3 15.7.02 15.10.02 12.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 10.12.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.

Nar Cle	ne of Bills Committee rk	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
7.	Bills Committee on Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	14.11.01	16.11.01 Hon Margaret NG	3 17.7.02 19.9.02 21.10.02			Next meeting to be held on 13.11.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.
8.	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	4 12.7.02 25.7.02 7.10.02 6.11.02			Next two meetings to be held on 3.12.02 and 12.12.02 to meet with the Administration.
9.	Bills Committee on Adaptation of Laws Bill 2001 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	19.12.01	4.1.02 Hon Margaret NG	3 15.7.02 17.9.02 5.11.02			Awaiting Committee Stage amendments to be provided by the Administration.
10.	Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612	19.12.01	4.1.02 Hon SIN Chung-kai	4 10.7.02 16.9.02 8.10.02 7.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 10.12.02 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
 11. 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	4 22.7.02 23.9.02 2.10.02 4.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 2.12.02 to continue discussion with the Administration.
 12. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2001 - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269 	21.11.01	18.1.02 Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	3 22.7.02 23.10.02 12.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 13.12.02 to continue discussion with the Administration and start clause-by-clause examination.
 13. 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	6 24.7.02 4.10.02 15.10.02 22.10.02 6.11.02 11.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 18.11.02 to meet with the Administration.

14. Bills Committee on	9.10.02	11.10.02	1	Next two meetings to be held on
Village Representative			22.10.02	16.11.02 and 22.11.02 to meet with
Election Bill		Hon IP Kwok-him, JP		deputations and the Administration
- Miss Flora TAI				respectively.
CAS(2)2				
Tel : 2869 9252				

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
 15. Bills Committee on Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253 	9.10.02	11.10.02 Hon IP Kwok-him, JP	1 7.11.02			Next meeting to be held on 19.11.02 to meet with deputations and the Administration.

List D : Bills Committees held in abeyance							
Name of Bills Committee Clerk 1. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000 - Ms Anita SIT CAS(1)6 Tel : 2525 3331	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 18.10.00	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 20.10.00 Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	Date and number of meetings held 3 6.11.00 20.11.00 4.12.00	Remarks 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 wa	aiting list
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Nai	ne 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 Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2002	To amend the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) and its regulations so as to implement on open bond system in all bonded warehouses in Hong Kong; and to make some other miscellaneous amendments.	31.1.02	1.3.02
2.	Bills Committee on Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 2002	To amend the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 469) to increase the minimum and maximum levels of compensation; to adjust upwards the percentage of permanent incapacity of claimants caused by occupational deafness; and to make provision for reimbursements for hearing assistive devices.	17.4.02	26.4.02
3.	Bills Committee on Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	To implement the recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission in its "Report on Competence and Compellability of Spouses in Criminal Proceedings" (1988); and to provide for the giving of evidence by way of a live television link in criminal proceedings.	29.5.02	31.5.02

List F : Bills pending decision of House Committee								
Name of Bill 1. Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill 2001	Object(s) of the Bill 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.	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 14.3.01	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was/will be considered 16.3.01	Remarks 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.				