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		Position Report on Bills Co (as at 30 Dece			bcommittees
Summary	(a)	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action	:	3	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	(b)	Number of other subcommittees under House Committee in action		2	(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 List D for details)
	(e)	Number of Bills Committees on waiting list	:	4	(see List E for details)
	(f)	Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	1	(see List F for details)
	(g)	Bills pending decision of House Committee	:	2	(see List G for details)

		List A : Subcom	nittees on s	subsidiary leg	gislation in action
Na Cle	me of Subcommittee	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	2 30.10.02 10.12.02		Next meeting to be held on 21.1.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.
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			First meeting to be held on 8.1.03 to elect the Chairman and to meet with the Administration.
3.	Subcommittee on Appeal Board on Closure Orders (Immediate Health Hazard) Rules - Mrs Constance LI CAS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	13.12.02			First meeting to be held on 3.1.03 to elect the 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 14 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	Expected date to report to House Committee	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.
 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)	

		List C : Bills C	ommittee	s 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
 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	8 17.4.02 3.5.02 17.5.02 3.6.02 26.6.02 17.10.02 8.11.02 29.11.02			Next two meetings to be held on 9.1.03 and 17.1.03 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	6 18.4.02 16.7.02 18.10.02 24.10.02 19.11.02 13.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 9.1.03 to continue clause-by-clause examination of the Bill.
 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	7 10.7.02 4.10.02 11.10.02 28.10.02 14.11.02 20.11.02 17.12.02			Next two meetings to be held on 7.1.03 and 13.1.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.

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4.	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	6 5.7.02 19.9.02 24.10.02 11.11.02 18.11.02 9.12.02			Next two meetings to be held on 7.1.03 and 20.1.03 to meet with the Administration.
5.	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	4 15.7.02 15.10.02 12.11.02 10.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 10.1.03 to continue clause-by-clause examination.
6.	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	5 17.7.02 19.9.02 21.10.02 13.11.02 2.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 22.1.03 to meet with the Administration.
7.	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	6 12.7.02 25.7.02 7.10.02 6.11.02 3.12.02 12.12.02			Next two meetings to be held on 7.1.03 and 21.1.03 to meet with the Administration.

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8.	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	5 10.7.02 16.9.02 8.10.02 7.11.02 10.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 15.1.03 to meet with the Administration.
9.	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	5 22.7.02 23.9.02 2.10.02 4.11.02 2.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 14.1.03 to consider Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration.
10.	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	4 22.7.02 23.10.02 12.11.02 13.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 3.1.03 to continue discussion with the Administration and start clause-by-clause examination.

11. Bills Committee on	31.1.02	1.2.02	9	Next meeting to be held on 9.1.03 to
Companies (Amendment)			24.7.02	meet with the Administration.
Bill 2002		Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee,	4.10.02	
- Miss Becky YU		SC, JP	15.10.02	
CAS(1)1			22.10.02	
Tel : 2869 9213			6.11.02	
			11.11.02	
			18.11.02	
			28.11.02	
			6.12.02	

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 Village Representative Election Bill Miss Flora TAI CAS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252 	9.10.02	11.10.02 Hon IP Kwok-him, JP	$\begin{array}{c} 6\\ 22.10.02\\ 16.11.02\\ 22.11.02\\ 4.12.02\\ 20.12.02\\ 30.12.02\end{array}$			Next meeting to be held on 6.1.03 to continue clause-by-clause examination.
 13. Bills Committee on Education Reorganization (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002 - Mrs Percy MA CAS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253 	20.11.02	22.11.02 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	2 16.12.02 23.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 14.1.03 to continue discussion with the Administration.
 14. Bills Committee on Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Ms Connie SZETO CAS(1)4 Tel : 2525 1612 	31.1.02	1.3.02 Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP	1 18.12.02			Next meeting to be held on 3.1.03 to meet with the Administration.

15. Bills Committee on	17.4.02	26.4.02	1		Next meeting to be held on 20.1.03 to
Occupational Deafness			23.12.02		meet with deputations. A further meeting
(Compensation)		Dr Hon LO Wing-lok			has been scheduled for 27.1.03 to
(Amendment) Bill 2002					continue discussion with the
- Ms Doris CHAN					Administration.
CAS(2)4					
Tel : 2869 9255					

List D : Bills Committees held in abeyance
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Nai Cle 1.	me of Bills Committee ork 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 waiting list		
	Date of introduction of Bill	

			introduction of Bill	
			into Legislative	Date of formation of
Name of Bills Committee Object(s) of the Bill		Council	Bills Committee	
1.	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
2.	Bills Committee on Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002	member of the Housing Authority also eligible for appointment by the Chief		6.12.02
3.	Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002	To amend the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) and its subsidiary legislation to facilitate the implementation of school-based management and introduce other amendments.	4.12.02	6.12.02
4.	Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2002	 To amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) to provide for an alternative method of stamping under which - (a) an application may be made in paper or electronic form for stamping of a specified document without presenting the original instrument; and (b) a stamp certificate, in paper form or in the form of an electronic record, may be issued as evidence of payment of stamp duty. 	11.12.02	13.12.02

List F : Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate								
	Date of	Date of House						
	introduction of	Committee						
	Bill into	meeting(s) at	Date of resumption					
	Legislative	which the Bill was	of Second Reading					
Name of Bill	Council	considered	debate (if known)	Remarks				
1. Adaptation of Laws Bill 2001	19.12.01	4.1.02	22.1.03	At the House Committee meeting on 13.12.02,				
		13.12.02		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 22.1.03.				

List G : Bills pending decision of House Committee

<u>Na</u> 1.	me of Bill 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.
2.	Land Titles Bill	To provide for a system of registration of title to land, and to provide for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.	18.12.02	3.1.03	