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**Position Report on Bills Committees/subcommittees  
(as at 20 April 2004)**

<b>Summary</b>	(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	:	3	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	(c)	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation reporting to House Committee on 23.4.04	:	1	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	(d)	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	15	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	(e)	Number of Bills Committees held in abeyance	:	3	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	(f)	Number of Bills Committees on waiting list	:	8	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	(g)	Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	3	(see <u>List G</u> for details)
	(h)	Bills pending decision of House Committee	:	2	(see <u>List H</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 the draft Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinance (Amendment of Section 2(2)) Order 2002 - Mrs Percy MA CCS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	6.12.02  Hon James TO Kun-sun	4 8.1.03 17.3.03 13.10.03 9.1.04		Next meeting to be scheduled, pending response of the Administration to proposals made by members of the Subcommittee.
2. Subcommittee on the United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2003 - Mrs Sharon TONG CCS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	14.11.03  Hon Margaret NG	3 11.12.03 19.1.04 20.2.04		Next meeting to be held on 3.5.04 to meet with the Administration.
3. Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation relating to 2004 Legislative Council elections - Mrs Percy MA CCS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	19.12.03  Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP	4 6.1.04 12.1.04 6.2.04 14.2.04	9.1.04 (Verbal report) 16.1.04 (Verbal report) 30.1.04 (1st report) 20.2.04 (2nd report)	Next meeting to be scheduled, pending introduction of further items of subsidiary legislation relating to 2004 LegCo elections.

## 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 on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement - Mrs Anna LO PCS(A) Tel : 2869 9480	20.10.00  Hon NG Leung-sing, JP	11 1.11.00 9.11.00 30.11.00 16.3.01 15.6.01 26.6.01 4.10.01 11.4.02 29.5.03 1.11.03 14.1.04	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) 19.3.04 (6th report)	
2. Subcommittee on juvenile justice system - Mrs Percy MA CCS(2)3 Tel : 2869 9253	7.11.03  Hon Margaret NG	3 26.11.03 18.12.03 12.3.04		Next meeting to be held on 14.5.04 to meet with the Administration and deputations.

<p>3. Subcommittee to consider a mechanism for handling complaints and allegations concerning Members' Operating Expenses Reimbursement Claims - Mrs Anna LO PCS(A) Tel : 2869 9480</p>	<p>19.12.03 Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP</p>	<p>3 13.1.04 19.2.04 26.3.04</p>		
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### List C : Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation reporting to House Committee on 23.4.04

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 the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Ukraine) Order and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Singapore) Order - Mrs Constance LI CCS(2)5 Tel : 2869 9269	9.1.04  Hon James TO Kun-sun	2 19.2.04 24.3.04	23.4.04	Administration's response has been received and circulated to the Subcommittee. Reporting to the House Committee on 23.4.04.

## List D : 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 Education (Amendment) Bill 2002 - Ms Doris CHAN CCS(2)2 Tel : 2869 9252	4.12.02	6.12.02  Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	20 27.2.03 17.3.03 27.3.03 11.4.03 9.5.03 12.5.03 30.5.03 18.9.03 10.10.03 24.10.03 30.10.03 7.11.03 13.11.03 27.11.03 5.12.03 12.2.04 13.2.04 3.3.04 24.3.04 14.4.04 (2 sessions)			Next meeting to be held on 21.4.04 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
2. Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CCS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	18.12.02	3.1.03  Hon Margaret NG	29 19.3.03 8.4.03 23.4.03 5.5.03 12.5.03 (2 sessions) 22.5.03 9.6.03 19.6.03 30.6.03 17.7.03 31.7.03 (2 sessions) 19.9.03 29.9.03 30.9.03 14.10.03 21.10.03 28.10.03 25.11.03 3.12.03 9.12.03 19.12.03 13.1.04 30.1.04 13.2.04 24.2.04 9.3.04			Next two meetings to be held on 27.4.04 and 11.5.04 to meet with the Administration.

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2. Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CCS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			2.4.04 13.4.04 20.4.04			
3. Bills Committee on Construction Workers Registration Bill - Mr Andy LAU CCS(1)2 Tel : 2869 9577	19.3.03	21.3.03  Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP	8 2.6.03 24.6.03 13.11.03 5.1.04 11.2.04 1.3.04 22.3.04 7.4.04			Next meeting to be held on 29.4.04 to meet with the Administration.
4. Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Odelia LEUNG CCS(1)4 Tel : 2869 9245	30.4.03	2.5.03  Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	17 8.7.03 31.7.03 9.9.03 23.9.03 16.10.03 6.11.03 11.11.03 27.11.03 12.12.03 8.1.04			Next meeting to be held on 23.4.04 to meet with the Administration.



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4. Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Odelia LEUNG CCS(1)4 Tel : 2869 9245 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			29.1.04 12.2.04 23.2.04 10.3.04 22.3.04 1.4.04 16.4.04			
5. Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Ms Anita SIT CCS(1)6 Tel : 2525 3331	25.6.03	27.6.03  Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	21 18.7.03 11.9.03 2.10.03 17.10.03 30.10.03 13.11.03 27.11.03 9.12.03 18.12.03 8.1.04 29.1.04 5.2.04 12.2.04 20.2.04 26.2.04 28.2.04 11.3.04 19.3.04 25.3.04			Next four meetings to be held on 22.4.04, 26.4.04, 6.5.04 and 13.5.04 to meet with the Administration.

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5. Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Ms Anita SIT CCS(1)6 Tel : 2525 3331 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			14.4.04 15.4.04			
6. Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Odelia LEUNG CCS(1)4 Tel : 2869 9245	21.5.03	23.5.03  Hon James TO Kun-sun	15 18.7.03 18.9.03 24.9.03 23.10.03 4.11.03 20.11.03 28.11.03 3.12.03 6.1.04 3.2.04 19.2.04 8.3.04 18.3.04 2.4.04 20.4.04			Next meeting to be held on 29.4.04 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
7. Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Mary SO CCS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9551	21.5.03	23.5.03  Hon James TO Kun-sun	9 10.10.03 3.11.03 12.11.03 26.11.03 5.12.03 10.1.04 25.2.04 25.3.04 15.4.04			Next two meetings to be held on 6.5.04 and 11.5.04 to meet with the Administration.
8. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000 - Ms Anita SIT CCS(1)6 Tel : 2525 3331	18.10.00	20.10.00  Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	8 6.11.00 20.11.00 4.12.00 13.11.03 9.12.03 5.2.04 24.2.04 2.3.04			Next three meetings to be held on 22.4.04, 27.4.04 and 29.4.04 to meet with the Administration.
9. Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Becky YU CCS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213	11.6.03	13.6.03  Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	9 20.11.03 18.12.03 9.1.04 19.1.04 2.2.04 16.2.04			Next three meetings to be held on 23.4.04, 10.5.04 and 17.5.04 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
9. Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Becky YU CCS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213 <i>(Continued from previous page)</i>			10.3.04 26.3.04 15.4.04			
10. Bills Committee on Hong Kong Sports Development Board (Repeal) Bill - Mrs Sharon TONG CCS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	26.11.03	28.11.03  Hon NG Leung-sing, JP	1 12.12.03			Next meeting to be scheduled pending the Administration's response on resolving transitional staffing matters of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board upon its dissolution. The Administration has advised that its latest estimate is that it should definitely be able to revert to the Bills Committee in April 2004.
11. Bills Committee on Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Mrs Sharon TONG CCS(2)1 Tel : 2869 9254	18.6.03	20.6.03  Hon Margaret NG	8 7.1.04 19.1.04 26.2.04 4.3.04 11.3.04 18.3.04 25.3.04 15.4.04			Next two meetings to be held on 30.4.04 and 6.5.04 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
12. Bills Committee on Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Polly YEUNG CCS(1)3 Tel : 2869 9246	25.6.03	27.6.03  Hon SIN Chung-kai	2 23.2.04 17.3.04			Next meeting to be held on 23.4.04 to meet with the Administration.
13. Bills Committee on Clearing and Settlement Systems Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CCS(1)5 Tel : 2869 9244	10.12.03	12.12.03  Hon SIN Chung-kai	2 18.3.04 26.3.04			Next meeting to be held on 23.4.04 to meet with deputations and the Administration.
14. Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2003 - Miss Becky YU CCS(1)1 Tel : 2869 9213	17.12.03	19.12.03  Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP	1 14.4.04			Next meeting to be held on 28.4.04 to meet with deputations and the Administration.
15. Bills Committee on Airport Authority (Amendment) Bill 2004 - Mr Andy LAU CCS(1)2 Tel : 2869 9577	24.3.04	16.4.04				First meeting to be scheduled.

## List E : 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 Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill - Miss Salumi CHAN CCS(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.  Hon Margaret NG informed Members at the House Committee meeting on 3.10.03 that the Administration had recently issued a consultation paper on the proposal to the parties concerned.
2. Bills Committee on Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001 - Miss Mary SO CCS(2)4 Tel : 2869 9551	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.
3. Bills Committee on Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill 2003 - Miss Odelia LEUNG CCS(1)4 Tel : 2869 9245	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 F : 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 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2003	To increase the maximum gross vehicle weight of a light bus from 4.0 tonnes to 5.5 tonnes; and to transfer the power to appoint Transport Tribunals and the power to appoint members of the panel from which members of Transport Tribunals may be appointed from the Chief Secretary for Administration to the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works.	22.10.03	24.10.03
2. Bills Committee on Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2003	To enable the Official Receiver to outsource bankruptcy cases to private-sector insolvency practitioners in specified circumstances and to provide for the powers and duties of a provisional trustee in bankruptcy; to revise the priority of payment of costs and charges out of a bankrupt's estate contained in section 37 of Bankruptcy Ordinance to bring it in line with rule 179(1) of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (Cap. 32, sub. leg. H); and to adapt certain provisions of Bankruptcy Ordinance to bring them into conformity with the Basic Law and with the status of Hong Kong as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.	10.12.03	12.12.03
3. Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2003	To control the management of clinical waste and the disposal of imported waste; and to give effect to the Basle Ban in Hong Kong.	25.6.03	27.6.03
4. Bills Committee on Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2003	To amend the Vocational Training Council Ordinance (Cap. 1130) ("VTCO") to enable the Vocational Training Council to perform its statutory functions outside Hong Kong; to provide that any one of the Deputy Chairmen may sign the statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet if the Chairman is absent from Hong Kong or is for any other reason unable to exercise the powers or perform the duties of a Chairman; and to replace the reference of "disabled person" in the English text of VTCO by "person with a disability".	14.1.04	16.1.04

Name of Bills Committee	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council	Date of formation of Bills Committee
5. Bills Committee on Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) Bill 2004	To amend the Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (Cap. 231) so as to prohibit or restrict the advertising of six types of health claims for some orally consumed products and to make some miscellaneous amendments.	11.2.04	13.2.04
6. Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council Bill	To establish a statutory body to be known as the Construction Industry Council, which is to be funded by construction levies, to take over the functions of the Construction Industry Training Authority established under the Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 317); and to impose a levy on construction operations carried out in Hong Kong on a basis similar to that on which the construction industry levy is imposed under Cap. 317, which will be repealed upon the enactment of this Bill.	11.2.04	13.2.04
7. Bills Committee on Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2004	To provide for a revised scheme for the determination of the minimum term that a prisoner serving discretionary life sentence or mandatory life sentence, or detained at Executive discretion, must serve.	17.3.04	19.3.04
8. Bills Committee on Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Bill	To implement the new provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and the new International Ship and Port Facility Security Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization to enhance security of ships and port facilities.	24.3.04	16.4.04



## List G : 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. Deposit Protection Scheme Bill	30.4.03	2.5.03 19.3.04	5.5.04	At the House Committee meeting on 19.3.04, 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 5.5.04.
2. Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Bill	24.3.04	16.4.04	28.4.04	At the House Committee meeting on 16.4.04, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill. Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 28.4.04.
3. Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003	14.5.03	16.5.03 16.4.04	5.5.04	At the House Committee meeting on 16.4.04, 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 5.5.04.

## List H : 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. Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2004	To change the name of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants to Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the Institute); to alter the composition of the Council of the Institute (the Council), to restructure the Investigation Panel and the Disciplinary Panel; to expand the membership of the Council and the Investigation Committee; to broaden the powers of the Council and the Investigation Committee and the sanctions available to the Disciplinary Committee; to provide immunity to members of the Council and its delegates, the Registrar and officers and employees of the Institute exercising statutory powers in good faith; to make miscellaneous technical amendments; and consequential amendments to the Professional Accountants By-laws (Cap.50 sub. leg. A) and to other Ordinances and subsidiary legislation.	24.3.04	16.4.04 23.4.04	Dr Eric LI requested in writing on 30 March 2004 to defer the discussion and a decision on the Bill to the next House Committee meeting on 23 April 2004, as he was currently outside Hong Kong. At the House Committee meeting on 16.4.04, Members agreed to Dr LI's request.