

FACT SHEET

Legislative Council in figures (as at 31 July 2013)

Table 1 – Composition of the Legislative Council

	Fourth Legislative Council (2008-2012)	Fifth Legislative Council (2012-2016)
Members	60	70
Returned by geographical constituencies	30	35
Returned by functional constituencies	30	35
Number of male and female Members		
Male	48 ⁽¹⁾	59
Female	11	11

Note: (1) One male Member returned by functional constituency resigned from office as a Member of the Legislative Council on 29 July 2012. As such, the Fourth Legislative Council comprised 48 male Members and 11 female Members when the term ended in September 2012.

Table 2 – Profiles of Members of the Fifth Legislative Council

Average age	56 years old
Age of youngest Member	33 years old
Age of oldest Member	76 years old
Place of birth	Hong Kong (52 Members)
First-time Members	28 Members
Members who are currently Executive Council Members	Three Members
Members returned uncontested	16 Members
Members' occupation	Full-time Legislator (25 Members) ⁽²⁾ Businessman/Businesswoman (14 Members) Lawyer (seven Members) Educator (six Members) Trade Unionist (five Members) Medical Practitioner and Social Worker (two Members each) Accountant, Banker, Engineer, Executive, Head of Policy Institute, Media Freelancer, Securities Dealer, Surveyor, and Tax Consultant (one Member each)
Academic attainment	Tertiary and above (65 Members), including Master Degree/Post-graduate Diploma/ Post-graduate Certificate (33 Members) Doctorate Degree (12 Members)

Note: (2) Nine of the 25 full-time legislators also serve as District Council members.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package

	1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sep 2012	1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013
Monthly remuneration (HK\$)		
President	146,300	168,980
President's Deputy and Chairman of the House Committee	109,730	126,740
Member who does not serve on the Executive Council	73,150	84,490
Member who serves on the Executive Council	48,770	56,330
End-of-service gratuity ⁽³⁾		
Each Member	15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁴⁾	15% of the remuneration received ⁽⁴⁾
Yearly medical allowance (HK\$) ⁽³⁾		
Each Member	28,020	29,420
Yearly operating expenses reimbursement (HK\$)		
Accountable component for office operation	not exceeding 1,719,290	not exceeding 2,166,310 ⁽⁵⁾
Non-accountable component for entertainment and travelling	not exceeding 176,310	not exceeding 185,130
(amount which may be used for employing staff on an accountable basis)	(88,155)	(92,565)
President's entertainment reimbursement	176,480	185,300
(amount which may be claimed without supporting documents)	(52,940)	(55,590)

Notes: (3) With effect from the Fourth Legislative Council, Members have been provided with an annual accountable medical allowance and an end-of-service gratuity.

(4) An end-of-term gratuity equivalent to 15% of the remuneration that a Member receives during the term of office of the Legislative Council will be payable to the Member upon the end of that term, provided that he or she completes the term of office.

(5) With effect from the Fifth Legislative Council, any unused balances of the office operation expenses reimbursement can be carried forward for use until the end of the existing term.

Table 3 – Members' remuneration, medical allowance and reimbursement package (cont'd)

	1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sep 2012	1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sep 2013
Per term/one-off expenses reimbursement (HK\$) ⁽⁶⁾		
Setting up expenses reimbursement (for Members who have claimed any setting up expenses reimbursement in the previous term)	150,000 (75,000)	--
Information technology and communication equipment expenses reimbursement	100,000	
Setting up and information technology expenses reimbursement (for Members who have claimed any setting up expenses reimbursement in the previous term)	--	250,000 (175,000)
Winding up expenses reimbursement	143,274 plus actual severance pay	180,526 plus actual severance pay

Note: (6) With effect from the Fifth Legislative Council, the provisions of (a) the setting up expenses reimbursement and (b) the information technology and communication equipment expenses reimbursement are combined into the setting up and information technology expenses reimbursement.

Table 4 – Number of Legislative Council Committees

	Fourth Legislative Council (2008-2012)	2012-2013 (10 Oct 2012 – 31 Jul 2013)
Standing Committees ⁽⁷⁾ , the House Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure	5	5
Subcommittees of the Finance Committee	2	2
Bills Committees ⁽⁸⁾	73	11
Panels (Subcommittees of Panels)	18(15)	18(7)
Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation ⁽⁸⁾	90	26
Subcommittees of the House Committee [excluding Subcommittees on Subsidiary Legislation]	12	6
Select Committee	2	1
Investigation Committee	1	-

Notes: (7) There are three Standing Committees under the Council, namely the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Members' Interests.

(8) Figures refer to the number of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation that have completed their work.

Table 5 – Legislative Council meetings

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Council meetings	36	36 ⁽⁹⁾	37	38	37
Subsidiary legislation scrutinized	167	157	147	136	123
Bills passed	11	23	24	33	14
Questions	1 423	1 536	1 497	1 501	1 525
Motions with legislative effect					
Moved	42	46	46	38	42
Passed	40	33	40	36	42
Motions under the <i>Basic Law</i>					
Moved	1 ⁽¹⁰⁾	4 ⁽¹¹⁾	2 ⁽¹⁰⁾	1 ⁽¹⁰⁾	2 ⁽¹²⁾
Passed	1	4	2	1	1
Motions relating to procedural matters					
Moved	4	7	6	9	5
Passed	4	2	2	2	1
Motions with no legislative effect					
Moved	62	58	64	37	54
Passed	43	43	47	23	30

Notes: (9) The figure does not include a special meeting convened under Rule 15(2) of the *Rules of Procedure*.

(10) Figures indicate the number of motions moved under Article 73(7) of the *Basic Law*, which states that the Legislative Council shall "endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court".

(11) The motions were moved under Article 73(7) of, and Annexes I and II to, the *Basic Law*. Annex I sets out the method for the selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, whereas Annex II sets out the method for the formation of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its voting procedures.

(12) The motions were moved respectively under Articles 73(7) and 73(9) of the *Basic Law*. According to Article 73(9), "[i]f a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the members of the Legislative Council charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision."

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