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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 21 January 2014)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	7	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committees	:	9	
	3.	Number of bill pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	1	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	4.	Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5.	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	:	2	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action	:	1	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7.	Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	8.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	7	(see <u>List G</u> for details)
	9.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	4	(see <u>List H</u> for details)

List A : Bills Committees in action							
	Date of						
	introduction		Date and	Date to	Expected date		
	of Bill into	Date of formation of Bills	number of	report to	for resumption		
	Legislative	Committee	meetings	House	of Second		
	Council	Chairman/Deputy Chairman		Committee	Reading debate	Remarks	
1. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty	9.1.13	11.1.13	21			Subject to no further Committee	
(Amendment) Bill 2012			18.1.13			stage amendments from members	
- Ms Annette LAM		Hon Starry LEE Wai-king,	25.1.13			and the Administration, the Bills	
CCS(1)3		JP	4.2.13			Committee will report to the	
Tel: 3919 3103		(Chairman)	18.2.13			House Committee on 7.2.14.	
			28.2.13				
		Hon James TO Kun-sun	18.3.13				
		(Deputy Chairman)	8.4.13				
			22.4.13				
			20.5.13				
			7.6.13				
			17.6.13				
			8.7.13				
			16.9.13				
			3.10.13				
			15.10.13				
			28.10.13				
			18.11.13				
			3.12.13 20.12.13				
			6.1.14				
			10.1.14				
			10.1.14				

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 2. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Annette LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 17.4.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 19.4.13 Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman) Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)	7 3.5.13 31.5.13 13.6.13 (2 sessions) 15.7.13 21.10.13 22.11.13 13.12.13	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 29.1.14 to meet with the Administration.
3. Bills Committee on Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101	8.5.13	10.5.13 Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok	10 31.5.13 18.6.13 9.7.13 23.7.13 8.10.13 22.10.13 8.11.13 29.11.13 17.12.13 8.1.14			Next meeting to be held on 18.2.14 to meet with the Administration.
 4. Bills Committee on Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104 	10.7.13	Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Christoper CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	8 24.7.13 30.9.13 15.10.13 28.10.13 12.11.13 22.11.13 10.12.13 20.12.13			Next meeting to be held on 17.2.14 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 5. Bills Committee on Child Abduction Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 17.7.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 4.10.13 Hon Dennis KWOK	Date and number of meetings held 3 24.10.13 20.12.13 21.1.14	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled to meet with the Administration.
6. Bills Committee on Rural Representative Election Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Alice LEUNG CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202	13.11.13	15.11.13 Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP	3 3.12.13 6.1.14 (2 sessions) 13.1.14			Next meeting to be held on 7.2.14 to meet with the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.3) Bill 2013 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104	8.1.14	10.1.14				First meeting to be held on 28.1.14 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bill 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. Air Pollution Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2013	23.10.13	25.10.13 10.1.14	22.1.14	The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 22.1.14.				

List C : Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement								
	Date of formation of	Date and	Date to report					
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	to House					
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	Committee	Remarks				
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration	26.10.12	2		The Subcommittee is conducting a survey on				
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement		4.12.12		staff turnover in Members' offices.				
- Ms Dora WAI	Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP	7.6.13						
PCS1								
Tel: 3919 3660								

List D: Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action Date of formation of Date and Name of Subcommittee Subcommittee number of Date to report to meetings held | House Committee Clerk Chairman/Deputy Chairman Remarks 1. Subcommittee on Fugitive Offenders (Czech 13.12.13 Pending the response to outstanding 8.11.13 Republic) Order, Mutual Legal Assistance 22.11.13 (Verbal report) issues from the Administration, the in Criminal Matters (Spain) Order and Hon James TO Kun-sun 5.12.13 (First report issued Subcommittee will consider the need to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal 10.12.13 to Members on hold a further meeting. Matters (Czech Republic) Order 21.1.14 30.12.13) - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201 Next meeting to be held on 29.1.14 to 2. Subcommittee Antiquities 3.1.14 and Monuments (Declaration of Historical 14.1.14 meet with the Administration. Buildings) (No. 2) Notice 2013 Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki - Mr Anthony CHU SCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3111

	Date of formation of	Number of meetings		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	held	Terms of reference of the	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	subcommittee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on Poverty	12.10.12	14	To study relevant policies and	As decided at the H
- Mr Colin CHUI		(5.11.12)	measures to ease the disparity	Committee meeting on 15.1
CCS(2)4	Hon Frederick FUNG		between the rich and the poor and	permission has been given fo
Tel: 3919 3204	Kin-kee, SBS, JP		alleviate poverty, follow up the	Subcommittee to continue
	(Chairman)		work of the Government's	operate for three more mont
			Commission on Poverty and	the first instance after the expi
	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG		make timely recommendations.	its period of work (i.e.
	Chiu-hung			4.2.14), after which
	(Deputy Chairman)			Subcommittee will be place
				the waiting list for reactive
				A vacant slot is expected to
				on 12.3.14 to accommodate
				reactivation.

List F: Other subcommittee under House Committee in action						
	Date of formation of	Number of meetings				
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	held				
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee			
1. Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation	12.10.12	5	To examine the implementation in Hong Kong			
in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United		(31.10.12)	resolutions of the United Nations Security			
Nations Security Council in relation to	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan		Council in relation to sanctions by Regulations			
Sanctions			made under section 3 of the United Nations			
- Ms Annette LAM			Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) and to follow up			
CCS(1)3			the recommendations made by the previous			
Tel: 3919 3103			Subcommittee.			

List G: Subcommittees under Panels in action						
N. CG I	Date of formation of	Number of meetings held				
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks		
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102	Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHAN Han-pan (Deputy Chairman)	10 (30.11.12)	To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways.	As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 28.2.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation. A vacant slot is expected to arise on 18.3.14 to accommodate its reactivation.		
 Joint Subcommittee on Longterm Care Policy under the Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services Mr Colin CHUI CCS(2)4 Tel: 3919 3204 	19.11.12 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman) Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)	12 (14.12.12)	To study the long-term care policy and services, including home-based, community-based and residential care services for the elderly, people with disabilities and the chronically ill, discuss the policy concerned with the Administration and make timely recommendations.	As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Joint Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 13.3.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation.		

		Number of		
	Date of formation of			
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	meetings held (Date of first	Terms of reference of the	
		meeting)		Domonto
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting)	subcommittee	Remarks
 2. Joint Subcommittee on Longterm Care Policy under the Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services Mr Colin CHUI CCS(2)4 Tel: 3919 3204 (Continued from previous page) 				At its meeting on 9.12.13, the Panel on Welfare Services agreed that the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence appointed under the Panel would not activate for the time being when a slot was vacated by the Joint Subcommittee on 14.3.14, so that the Joint Subcommittee would be able to reactivate immediately after expiry of the three-month period on 14.3.14 until completion of its work by end of July 2014. Such an arrangement was also agreed by the Panel on Health Services at its meeting on 20.1.14.
3. Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme under the Panel on Health Services - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3205	19.11.12 Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau	7 (12.12.12)	To study issues relating to the introduction of Health Protection Scheme as proposed by the Government for the Second Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform and make recommendations where necessary.	As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 11.3.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation. If additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from 1.4.14, the Subcommittee would be able to reactivate by that time.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 4. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Air, Noise and Light Pollution under the Panel on Environmental Affairs - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 26.11.12 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 9 (12.12.12)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To monitor and review government policies on and initiatives to address problems of air, noise and light pollution for better protection of public health.	Remarks As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months after the expiry of its period of work, i.e. until 11.3.14.
5. Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy under the Panel on Housing - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101	3.12.12 Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH (Chairman) Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Deputy Chairman)	10 (18.12.12)	To study all relevant housing-related information and ways to increase housing supply to meet the needs of various groups in the community, and make recommendations on the Long Term Housing Strategy.	As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 17.3.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation. If additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from 1.4.14, the Subcommittee would be able to reactivate by that time.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 6. Subcommittee on Integrated Education under the Panel on Education - Miss Polly YEUNG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3402	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.12.12 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman) Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 11 (8.1.13)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To study and review the existing policy on integrated education, including the support measures for students with special educational needs and the strengthening of teaching, administrative and financial support for special schools and schools implementing integrated education, and make timely recommendations.	Remarks As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 7.4.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation. If no new subcommittee on policy issues is set up in the interim and additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from 1.4.14, the Subcommittee would be able to reactivate immediately after the expiry of the three-month period until end
7. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project under the Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development - Ms Amy YU CCS(2)6 Tel: 3919 3206	Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	8 (29.1.13)	To monitor issues relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, including the work of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, the project's interface with arts and cultural development, and other related matters.	As decided at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, permission has been given for the Joint Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance after the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until 28.4.14), after which the Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list for reactivation. If no new subcommittee on policy issues is set up in the interim and additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from 1.4.14, the Joint Subcommittee would be able to reactivate immediately after the expiry of the three-month period until end of September 2014.

List H : Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list					
Name of Subcommittee 1. Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 14.1.13	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To study issues relating to the retirement life of all people, and to follow up on the proposal of setting up and implementation of universal retirement protection for all people in Hong Kong.	Remarks Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, the Subcommittee can commence work when the first vacant slot becomes available, which is expected to be 5.2.14.		
2. Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence under the Panel on Welfare Services	21.1.13	To study issues relating to the strategy and measures to tackle domestic violence, including: (a) statistics, definition, identification and assessment of domestic violence; (b) relocation of accommodation, emotional support and various follow-up services for victims; (c) legal proceedings relating to cases of domestic violence, as well as anti-violence programmes and counselling services for batterers; (d) measures to prevent domestic violence and review on child fatality and serious cases; (e) manpower, resources and workload of the relevant organizations and government departments, as well as co-ordination among various services; (f) special needs of specific groups, including children, new-arrivals, ethnic minorities, homosexuals and transgendered persons, etc.; and (g) policies and follow-ups on domestic violence.	Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13 and as agreed by the Panel on Welfare Services at its meeting on 9.12.13, the Subcommittee will only activate upon the completion of work of the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy by end of July 2014.		

Name of Subcommittee 3. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 5.2.13	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To study and review issues relating to the policy and business environment of public markets; assess the demand for public markets according to the district-based principle; examine the Administration's proposals for the rental adjustment mechanism and air-conditioning charging arrangement for public market stalls; and make timely recommendations.	Committee meeting on 15.11.13, the Subcommittee can commence work when a vacant slot becomes available to accommodate its activation, which is expected to be 1.3.14.
4. Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	9.7.13	To study and review the hawker policy with the objectives of facilitating the long-term development of the hawking trade and improvement of the management and operating environment of the hawker areas and make timely recommendations.	Committee meeting on 15.11.13, the Subcommittee can commence work when a