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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 12 March 2014)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	2	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of Bills Committees reporting to House Committee on 14.3.14	:	3	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	3.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	11	
	4.	Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	2	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5.	Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	:	4	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7.	Number of subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action	:	1	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	8.	Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1	(see <u>List G</u> for details)
	9.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	7	(see <u>List H</u> for details)
	10.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	3	(see <u>List I</u> for details)

List A: Bills Committees in action							
Name of Bills Committee Clerk 1. 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)	9 3.5.13	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 14.3.14 to meet with the Administration.	
Bills Committee on Child Abduction Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013 Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	17.7.13	4.10.13 Hon Dennis KWOK	4 24.10.13 20.12.13 21.1.14 11.2.14			Next meeting to be held on 21.3.14 to meet with the Administration.	

I	List B: Bills Committees reporting to House Committee on 14.3.14							
Name of Bills Committee Clerk 1. Bills Committee on Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 10.7.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 12.7.13 Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	9 24.7.13 30.9.13 15.10.13 28.10.13 12.11.13	Date to report to House Committee 14.3.14	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate 26.3.14	Remarks Reporting to the House Committee on 14.3.14.		
 2. 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	4 3.12.13 6.1.14 (2 sessions) 13.1.14 7.2.14	14.3.14	26.3.14	Reporting to the House Committee on 14.3.14.		
 3. Bills Committee on Loans (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104 	22.1.14	24.1.14 Hon Kenneth LEUNG	1 25.2.14	14.3.14	26.3.14	Reporting to the House Committee on 14.3.14.		

List C: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate							
		Date of House Committee	Date of resumption				
	Date of introduction of Bill	meeting(s) at which the	of Second Reading				
Name of Bill	into Legislative Council	Bill was considered	debate (if known)	Remarks			
1. Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013	8.5.13	10.5.13 28.2.14	19.3.14	The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 19.3.14.			
2. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.3) Bill 2013	8.1.14	10.1.14 28.2.14	19.3.14	The Administration has given notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 19.3.14.			

List D : 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 E: Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action Date of formation of Date and Subcommittee number of Date to report to Name of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman meetings held House Committee Clerk Remarks 1. Subcommittee on Toys and Children's Next meeting to be held on 14.3.14 to 21.2.14 28.2.14 meet with the Administration, and Safety (Additional Safety Products Standards or Requirements) Regulation, Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, another meeting will be held on 21.3.14 to meet with deputations and the Toys and Children's Products Safety GBS, JP Regulation (Repeal) Regulation and Toys Administration. Children's **Products** and Safety (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 The Chairman of the Subcommittee will (Commencement) Notice move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 19.3.14 to extend the - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(2)3 scrutiny period of the three items of subsidiary legislation to the Council Tel: 3919 3203 meeting of 9.4.14. 2. Subcommittee on Resolution of the Board of 28.2.14 First meeting to be held on 19.3.14 to Directors of the Po Leung Kuk elect the Chairman and meet with the - Ms Alice LEUNG Administration and representatives of Po CCS(2)2 Leung Kuk. Tel: 3919 3202 3. Subcommittee on Rating (Exemption) Order 28.2.14 First meeting to be held on 13.3.14 to 2014 elect the Chairman and meet with the - Ms Angel SHEK Administration. SCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3113 4. Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution 28.2.14 The Chairman of the Subcommittee will under Section 5(4) of the Motor Vehicles 5.3.14 make a verbal report to the House Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Committee on 14.3.14. (First Registration Tax) Ordinance - Ms Sharon CHUNG Chiu-hung CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3106

List F : Subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action							
	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	16	To study relevant policies and	The Subcommittee suspended its			
- Mr Colin CHUI		(5.11.12)	measures to ease the disparity	work between 5.2.14 and 11.3.14,			
CCS(2)4	Hon Frederick FUNG		between the rich and the poor and	after expiry of the three-month			
Tel: 3919 3204	Kin-kee, SBS, JP		alleviate poverty, follow up the	extended period of work. As a			
	(Chairman)		work of the Government's	vacant slot has arisen, the			
			Commission on Poverty and	Subcommittee reactivates its work			
	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG		make timely recommendations.	on 12.3.14.			
	Chiu-hung						
	(Deputy Chairman)			Upon reactivation, the			
				Subcommittee should complete its			
				work within the remainder of the			
				extension period originally sought,			
				i.e. about 9.5 months.			

List G: 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 H : Subcommittees under Panels in action						
		Number of				
	Date of formation of	meetings held				
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the			
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting)	subcommittee	Remarks		
1. Joint Subcommittee on Long-	19.11.12	13	To study the long-term care	As decided at the House Committee meeting		
term Care Policy under the		(14.12.12)	policy and services, including	on 15.11.13, permission has been given for		
Panel on Welfare Services and	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG		home-based, community-	the Joint Subcommittee to continue to		
Panel on Health Services	Chiu-hung		based and residential care	operate for three more months in the first		
- Mr Colin CHUI	(Chairman)		services for the elderly,	instance after the expiry of its period of		
CCS(2)4			people with disabilities and	work (i.e. until 13.3.14), after which the		
Tel: 3919 3204	Hon TANG Ka-piu		the chronically ill, discuss the	Subcommittee will be put on the waiting list		
	(Deputy Chairman)		policy concerned with the	for reactivation.		
			Administration and make			
			timely recommendations.	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.		

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	Date of formation of	meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	U/	subcommittee	Remarks
2. Subcommittee on the Long	3.12.12	10	To study all relevant housing-	As decided at the House Committee meeting
Term Housing Strategy under		(18.12.12)	related information and ways	on 15.11.13, permission has been given for
the Panel on Housing	Hon WONG Kwok-hing,		to increase housing supply to	the Subcommittee to continue to operate for
- Ms Miranda HON	BBS, MH		meet the needs of various	three more months in the first instance after
CCS(1)1	(Chairman)		groups in the community, and	the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until
Tel: 3919 3101			make recommendations on	17.3.14), after which the Subcommittee will
	Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen		the Long Term Housing	be put on the waiting list for reactivation.
	(Deputy Chairman)		Strategy.	If no new subcommittee on policy issues is
				set up in the interim, the Subcommittee may
				reactivate on 1.4.14 when additional
				resources are available to the Secretariat
				with effect from the next financial year.
3. Subcommittee on Integrated	11.12.12	12	To study and review the	As decided at the House Committee meeting
Education under the Panel on	11.12.12	(8.1.13)	existing policy on integrated	on 15.11.13, permission has been given for
Education Education	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG	(0.1.13)	education, including the	the Subcommittee to continue to operate for
- Miss Polly YEUNG	Chiu-hung		support measures for students	three more months in the first instance after
CCS(4)4	(Chairman)		with special educational	the expiry of its period of work (i.e. until
Tel: 3919 3402	(3)		needs and the strengthening	7.4.14), after which the Subcommittee will
1011001100	Hon IP Kin-yuen		of teaching, administrative	be put on the waiting list for reactivation.
	(Deputy Chairman)		and financial support for	As additional resources will be available to
			special schools and schools	the Secretariat with effect from the next
			implementing integrated	financial year, should no new subcommittee
			education, and make timely	on policy issues be set up in the interim, the
			recommendations.	Subcommittee may reactivate immediately
				after the expiry of the three-month period
				and work until end of September 2014.
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Name of Subcommittee Clerk 4. 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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.1.13 Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 9 (29.1.13)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	for reactivation. As additional resources
 5. Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201 	14.1.13 Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Deputy Chairman)	1 (25.2.14)	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.	

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene - Ms Alice LEUNG CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 5.2.13	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)	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	Remarks First meeting to be held on 25.3.14 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
7. Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene - Ms Debbie YAU CCS(A) Tel: 3919 3012	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.	First meeting to be scheduled.

	List I : Subc	committees on policy issues on the waiti	ing list
Name of Subcommittee 1. Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence under the Panel on Welfare Services	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 21.1.13	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	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 2. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 16.11.12 (Suspension of work awaiting reactivation with effect from 1.3.14)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways.	Remarks Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, the Subcommittee has been placed on the waiting list for reactivation since 1.3.14 after expiry of the three-month extended period of work. A vacant slot is expected to arise on 18.3.14 to accommodate its reactivation. Upon reactivation, the Subcommittee should complete its work within the remainder of the extension period originally sought, i.e. about 7 months.
3. Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme under the Panel on Health Services	19.11.12 (Suspension of work awaiting reactivation with effect from 12.3.14)	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.	Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 15.11.13, the Subcommittee has been placed on the waiting list for reactivation since 12.3.14 after expiry of the three-month extended period of work. If no new subcommittee on policy issues is set up in the interim, the Subcommittee may reactivate on 1.4.14 when additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from the next financial year. Upon reactivation, the Subcommittee should complete its work within the remainder of the extension period originally sought, i.e. about 6.5 months.