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## Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 28 April 2014)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	8	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committees	:	8	
	3.	Number of bill pending decision of House Committee		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 subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	:	1	(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	:	9	(see <u>List G</u> for details)

9. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list

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)	Date and number of meetings held  13 3.5.13 31.5.13 13.6.13 (2 sessions) 15.7.13 21.10.13 22.11.13 13.12.13 29.1.14 24.2.14 14.3.14 28.3.14 14.4.14 25.4.14	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 5.5.14 to meet with the Administration.	
<ul> <li>2. Bills Committee on Child Abduction Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013</li> <li>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	17.7.13	4.10.13  Hon Dennis KWOK	5 24.10.13 20.12.13 21.1.14 11.2.14 25.3.14			Next meeting to be scheduled.	

Name of Bills Committee Clerk  3. Bills Committee on Shipping Legislation (Control of Smoke Emission) (Amendment) Bill 2014  - Ms Debbie YAU CCS(4)5 Tel: 3919 3404		Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 21.3.14	Date and number of meetings held	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  First meeting to be held on 29.4.14 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>4. Bills Committee on Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014</li> <li>- Ms Amy YU CCS(2)6 Tel: 3919 3206</li> </ul>	19.3.14	21.3.14  Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Dennis KWOK (Deputy Chairman)	2 1.4.14 23.4.14 (2 sessions)			Next meeting to be held on 29.4.14 to meet with deputations and the Administration, as well as representatives of the interdepartmental working group on gender recognition. Another meeting to be held on 5.5.14 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>5. Bills Committee on Dutiable Commodities (Amendment)</li> <li>Bill 2014</li> <li>- Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3105</li> </ul>	19.3.14	21.3.14  Prof Hon Joseph LEE Koklong, SBS, JP, PhD, RN	1 8.4.14			Pending the Administration's advice on the proposed date for resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill, the Bills Committee will report to the House Committee in due course.
<ul> <li>6. Bills Committee on Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Bill</li> <li>Miss Mary SO CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3419</li> </ul>	26.3.14	28.3.14  Hon Kenneth LEUNG	1 24.4.14			Next meeting to be held on 7.5.14 to meet with deputations and the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk  7. Bills Committee on Employment (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 26.3.14	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 28.3.14 Hon Kenneth LEUNG	Date and number of meetings held 1 15.4.14	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 10.5.14 to meet with deputations and the Administration. Another meeting to be held on 12.5.14 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>8. Bills Committee on Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment)</li> <li>Bill 2014</li> <li>- Ms Maisie LAM</li> <li>CCS(2)5</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3205</li> </ul>	26.3.14	28.3.14  Prof Hon Joseph LEE Koklong, SBS, JP, PhD, RN	1 24.4.14			Next meeting to be held on 20.5.14 to meet with deputations and the Administration.

List B: Bill pending decision of House Committee								
Name of Bill  1. Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2014	Object(s) of the Bill  To amend various electoral legislation to make technical amendments concerning effect of inclement weather, deregistration procedure of electors or voters, registration applications for the District Council (second) functional constituency, appointment of polling agents and counting agents, sending documents by electronic means, voting procedure for voters with multiple votes, counting procedure at main counting stations, election agent's authority, postponement or adjournment of an election, poll or count, designation of polling or counting stations, dates in voter registration cycle and election-related offences and to make other minor amendments that do not affect the substance of the electoral systems.		Date of House Committee meeting at which the Bill will be considered 2.5.14	Remarks				

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: Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action Date of formation of Date and Subcommittee Name of Subcommittee number of Date to report to Chairman/Deputy Chairman House Committee Clerk meetings held Remarks 1. Subcommittee on Pesticides Ordinance 11.4.14 The President has given permission for the Chairman of the Subcommittee to (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 22.4.14 2014 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 7.5.14 to extend the - Ms Alice LEUNG scrutiny period of the Notice to 28.5.14. CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202 Administration's Pending the supplementary information paper on issues raised at the meeting on 22.4.14, the Subcommittee will consider whether it is necessary to hold a further meeting. The Chairman of the Subcommittee will make a verbal report to the House Committee on 2.5.14.

List E: 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	18	To study relevant policies and	The Subcommittee reactivated its				
- Mr Colin CHUI		(5.11.12)	measures to ease the disparity	work on 12.3.14. The				
CCS(2)4	Hon Frederick FUNG		between the rich and the poor and	Subcommittee should complete its				
Tel: 3919 3204	Kin-kee, SBS, JP		alleviate poverty, follow up the	work within the remainder of the				
	(Chairman)		work of the Government's	extension period originally sought,				
			Commission on Poverty and	i.e. about 9.5 months.				
	Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG		make timely recommendations.					
	Chiu-hung		-					
	(Deputy Chairman)							

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 : Subc	committees	under Panels in action	_
Name of Subcommittee Clerk  1. 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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 19.11.12  Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)  Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)  15 (14.12.12)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  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.	Remarks The Joint Subcommittee reactivated its work on 14.3.14 and should complete its work by end of July 2014.
Subcommittee on Integrated Education under the Panel on Education     Miss Polly YEUNG     CCS(4)4     Tel: 3919 3402	11.12.12  Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)  Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)	14 (8.1.13)	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.	The Subcommittee reactivated its work on 8.4.14 and should complete its work by end of September 2014.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk  3. 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)	11 (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.	Remarks The Joint Subcommittee reactivated its work on 29.4.14 and should complete its work by end of September 2014.
<ul> <li>4. Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services</li> <li>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	14.1.13  Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Deputy Chairman)	2 (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.	
5. 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	5.2.13  Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	1 (25.3.14)	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.	

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	Date of formation of	meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the	
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Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting)	subcommittee	Remarks
6. Subcommittee on Hawker	9.7.13	1	To study and review the	_
Policy under the Panel on		(15.4.14)	hawker policy with the	
Food Safety and	Hon Steven HO Chun-yin		objectives of facilitating the	
Environmental Hygiene	(Chairman)		long-term development of the	
- Ms Debbie YAU			hawking trade and	
CCS(4)5	Hon Alan LEONG Kah-		improvement of the	
Tel: 3919 3404	kit, SC		management and operating	
	(Deputy Chairman)		environment of the hawker	
			areas and make timely	
			recommendations.	
7. Subcommittee on Matters	16.11.12	11	To follow up various issues	The Subcommittee reactivated its work on
Relating to Railways under the		(30.11.12)	relating to the planning and	18.3.14. The Subcommittee should
Panel on Transport	Hon Michael TIEN		implementation of new	complete its work within the remainder of
- Ms Sophie LAU	Puk-sun, BBS, JP		railway projects, and the	the extension period originally sought, i.e.
CCS(1)2	(Chairman)		operation of existing	about 7 months.
Tel: 3919 3102			railways.	
	Hon CHAN Han-pan			
	(Deputy Chairman)			
8. Subcommittee on Health	19.11.12	9	To study issues relating to the	The Subcommittee reactivated its work on
Protection Scheme under the		(12.12.12)	introduction of Health	1.4.14. The Subcommittee should
Panel on Health Services	Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau		Protection Scheme as	complete its work within the remainder of
- Ms Maisie LAM			proposed by the Government	the extension period originally sought, i.e.
CCS(2)5			for the Second Stage Public	about 6.5 months.
Tel: 3919 3205			Consultation on Healthcare	
			Reform and make	
			recommendations where	
			necessary.	

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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	meeting)	subcommittee	Remarks
9. Subcommittee on the Long	3.12.12	11	To study all relevant housing-	The Subcommittee reactivated its work on
Term Housing Strategy under		(18.12.12)	related information and ways	1.4.14. The Subcommittee should
the Panel on Housing	Hon WONG Kwok-hing,		to increase housing supply to	complete its work within the remainder of
- Ms Miranda HON	BBS, MH		meet the needs of various	the extension period originally sought, i.e.
CCS(1)1	(Chairman)		groups in the community, and	about 6.5 months.
Tel: 3919 3101			make recommendations on	
	Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen		the Long Term Housing	
	(Deputy Chairman)		Strategy.	

List H: Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting 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.	Remarks  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.
2. Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education under the Panel on Education	14.4.14	To study and review the progress, arrangements, policy and matters related to the implementation of free kindergarten education, and make recommendations where necessary.	Pursuant to members' agreement at the meeting of the Panel on Education on 14.4.14, the Subcommittee will only activate upon the completion of work of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education by end of September 2014.