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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 29 October 2013)

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

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 1. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2012 - Ms Annette LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative Council 9.1.13	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.1.13 Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman) Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held 16 18.1.13 25.1.13 4.2.13 18.2.13 28.2.13 18.3.13 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	Date to report to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 18.11.13 to meet with the Administration.
 2. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Annette LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103 	17.4.13	19.4.13 Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman) Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)	5 3.5.13 31.5.13 13.6.13 (2 sessions) 15.7.13 21.10.13			Next meeting to be held on 22.11.13 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee	Date of introduction of Bill into Legislative	Date of formation of Bills	Date and number of meetings	Date to report to House	Expected date for resumption of Second	
Clerk	Council	Chairman/Deputy Chairman		Committee	Reading debate	Remarks
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	6 31.5.13 18.6.13 9.7.13 23.7.13 8.10.13 22.10.13		Treating debate	Next meeting to be held on 8.11.13 to meet with the Administration.
 4. Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102 	26.6.13	28.6.13 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	3 12.7.13 15.10.13 29.10.13			Next meeting to be scheduled.
 5. 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)	4 24.7.13 30.9.13 15.10.13 28.10.13			Next meeting to be held on 12.11.13 to meet with the Administration.

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	Date of introduction of Bill into	Date of formation of Bills	Date and number of	Date to report to	Expected date for resumption	
Name of Bills Committee	Legislative	Committee	meetings	House	of Second	
Clerk	Council	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks
6. 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	1 24.10.13			Next meeting to be held on 6.12.13 to meet with deputations and the Administration, and another meeting will be held on 17.12.13 to meet with the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Toys and Children's Products Safety (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3203	17.7.13	4.10.13 Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP	1 24.10.13			Next meeting to be held on 5.11.13 to meet with the Administration.
8. Bills Committee on Peak Tramway (Amendment) Bill 2013 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102	9.10.13	11.10.13 Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP	1 25.10.13	15.11.13		Reporting to the House Committee on 15.11.13.
 9. Bills Committee on Air Pollution Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2013 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102 	23.10.13	25.10.13				First meeting to be held on 5.11.13 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate							
	Date of	Date of House Committee	Date of resumption				
	introduction of Bill	meeting(s) at which the	of Second Reading				
Name of Bill	into Legislative	Bill was considered	debate (if known)	Remarks			
	Council						
1. Professional Accountants (Amendment)	22.5.13	24.5.13	30.10.13	Hon Kenneth LEUNG has given notice to			
Bill 2013		11.10.13		resume the Second Reading debate on the			
				Bill at the Council meeting of 30.10.13.			
2. Merchant Shipping (Seafarers)	24.4.13	26.4.13	6.11.13	The Administration has given notice to			
(Amendment) Bill 2013		25.10.13		resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 6.11.13.			

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. The				
- Ms Dora WAI	Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP	7.6.13		questionnaire for this purpose was issued to all				
PCS1				Members on 16.10.13.				
Tel: 3919 3660								

List D : Subcommittees on sul	osidiary legislation/dra	aft subsidiar	y legislation/ot	her instruments in action
	Date of formation of	Date and		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	Date to report to	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	House Committee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on Post Office (Amendment)	11.10.13	1	15.11.13	The Chairman of the Subcommittee will
Regulation 2013		25.10.13		move a proposed resolution at the
- Ms YUE Tin-po	Hon Andrew LEUNG			Council meeting of 30.10.13 to extend
CCS(4)3 Tel: 3919 3403	Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP			the scrutiny period of the Regulation to 27.11.13.
				Reporting to the House Committee on 15.11.13.
2. Subcommittee on the Three Orders Made	11.10.13	1		Pending the response to outstanding
under Section 49(1A) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance and Gazetted on 4 October 2013 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104	Hon James TO Kun-sun	22.10.13		issues from the Administration, the Subcommittee will consider the need to hold a further meeting.
 3. Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3205 	18.10.13 Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP	1 29.10.13		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will make a verbal report to the House Committee on 1.11.13.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 4. Subcommittee on Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2013 - Ms Sharon CHUNG CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3106	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 18.10.13 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	Date and number of meetings held 1 29.10.13	Date to report to House Committee	Remarks The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 13.11.13 to extend the scrutiny period of the Regulation to 4.12.13. Next meeting to be held on 5.11.13 to meet with deputations and the Administration.
5. Subcommittee on Arbitration (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Commencement) Notice - Miss Mary SO CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3404	18.10.13 Hon Dennis KWOK	1 25.10.13		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 30.10.13 to extend the scrutiny period of the Notice to 4.12.13. Next meeting to be held on 5.11.13 to meet with the Administration.

List E: Subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action							
Date of formation of	Number of meetings						
Subcommittee	held						
Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee					
12.10.12	12	To study relevant policies and measures to ease					
	(5.11.12)	the disparity between the rich and the poor and					
Hon Frederick FUNG		alleviate poverty, follow up the work of the					
Kin-kee, SBS, JP		Government's Commission on Poverty and make					
(Chairman)		timely recommendations.					
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Deputy Chairman)							
	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 12.10.12 Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (Chairman) Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 12.10.12 Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (Chairman) Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung					

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	4	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							
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Panel	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee			
 Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways Ms Sophie LAU CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3102 	Panel on Transport	Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHAN Han-pan (Deputy Chairman)	7 (30.11.12)	To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways.			
 2. Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy Mr Colin CHUI CCS(2)4 Tel: 3919 3204 	Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services	19.11.12 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman) Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)	9 (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.			
3. Subcommittee on Health Protection Scheme - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3205	Panel on Health Services	19.11.12 Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau	5 (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.			

Name of Subcommittee		Date of formation of Subcommittee	Number of meetings held	
Clerk	Panel	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee
 4. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Air, Noise and Light Pollution - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101 	Panel on Environmental Affairs	26.11.12 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	9 (12.12.12)	To monitor and review government policies on and initiatives to address problems of air, noise and light pollution for better protection of public health.
 5. Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy - Ms Miranda HON CCS(1)1 Tel: 3919 3101 	Panel on Housing	3.12.12 Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH (Chairman) Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Deputy Chairman)	9 (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.
6. Subcommittee on Integrated Education - Miss Polly YEUNG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3402	Panel on Education	11.12.12 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman) Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman)	8 (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.
 7. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project - Ms Amy YU CCS(2)6 Tel: 3919 3206 	Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development	Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)	7 (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.

List H : Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list					
	Date of appointment				
Name of Subcommittee	of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks		
Subcommittee on Retirement Protection under the Panel on Welfare Services	14.1.13	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.	25.1.13, Members agreed that the		
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.	Services on 21.1.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted that it would be placed on the waiting list.		

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.	Environmental Hygiene on 5.2.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted
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.	Environmental Hygiene on 9.7.13, members agreed to appoint the Subcommittee and noted