

**Relevant provisions in the Rules of Procedure ("RoP")
referred to in this Report**

Rules	Wording
RoP 20(1)	A petition may be presented to the Council only by a Member. Every petition shall be in the Chinese language or the English language.
RoP 20(6) <i>(before it was amended in 2017)</i>	If, immediately after a petition has been presented, a Member rises in his place and requests that the petition be referred to a select committee, the President shall call upon those Members who support the request to rise in their places. If not less than 20 Members then rise the petition shall stand referred to a select committee.
RoP 78(2)	The President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendations of the House Committee.
RoP 78(4)	A select committee shall, as soon as it has completed consideration of the matter or bill referred to it, report to the Council thereon and the committee shall thereupon be dissolved. If the committee is of the opinion that it will not be able to complete consideration of the matter or bill before the end of a term, it shall so report to the Council.
RoP 78(5)	At the end of a term every select committee of the Council shall be dissolved.

Rules

RoP 80

Wording

Attendance of Witness

- (a) Any standing committee may summon, as required when exercising its powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence; and
- (b) the House Committee or a Bills Committee, Panel, select committee, investigation committee or any other committee, where so authorised by the Legislative Council, may summon, as required when exercising the committee's powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence,

but the Chief Executive may decide, in the light of security and vital public interests, whether Government officials or other personnel in charge of Government affairs should testify or give evidence before the Legislative Council or its committees.

RoP 81

Premature Publication of Evidence

- (1) The evidence taken before a committee under Rule 80 (Attendance of Witness) and documents presented to the committee shall not, except in the case of meetings of the committee held in public, be published by a member of the committee or by any other person before the committee has presented its report to the Council.
- (2) Any member of the committee who fails to comply with subrule (1) may be admonished or reprimanded by the Council on a motion to that effect.