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**Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(as at 19 May 2020)**

Summary	1. Number of Bills Committees in action	:	9	(see List A for details)
	2. Number of Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 22.5.20	:	1	(see List B for details)
	3. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	6	
	4. Number of bill referred to the Panel on Manpower	:	1	(see List C for details)
	5. Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	12	(see List D for details)
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	6. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see List E for details)
	7. Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/ other instruments in action	:	4	(see List F for details)
	8. Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment	:		(see List G for details)
	9. Number of subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action	:	1	(see List H for details)
	10. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1	(see List I for details)
	11. Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	6	(see List J for details)
12. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	2	(see List K for details)	

List A : Bills Committees in action ^{Note 1}

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
1. Bills Committee on Evidence (Amendment) Bill 2018 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	4.7.18	6.7.18 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP	5 20.7.18 18.10.18 13.11.18 10.12.18 25.1.19			Subject to members having any comments on the supplementary information provided by the Administration, the Bills Committee has completed the scrutiny of the Bill.
2. Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 - Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Tel : 3919 3105	14.11.18	16.11.18 Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	12 5.12.18 7.1.19 (3 sessions) 18.2.19 26.3.19 15.4.19 30.4.19 7.5.19 20.5.19 11.11.19 18.12.19 17.3.20 21.4.20			Next meeting to be held on 20.5.20 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
3. Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205	20.2.19	1.3.19 Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP (Chairman) Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	8 18.3.19 13.4.19 (4 sessions) 25.4.19 (5 sessions) 27.4.19 (4 sessions) 17.5.19 25.6.19 2.12.19 4.5.20			Taking into consideration that it would be unrealistic to complete the scrutiny of the Bill within the current legislative session, the Chairman of the Bills Committee has invited members to consider his proposal to discontinue the work of the Bills Committee and report to the House Committee the decision of the Bills Committee accordingly.
4. Bills Committee on Franchised Taxi Services Bill - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	8.5.19	10.5.19 Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	3 3.6.19 18.11.19 6.1.20 (2 sessions)			Taking into consideration that it would be unrealistic to complete the scrutiny of the Bill within the current legislative session, the Chairman of the Bills Committee has invited members to consider his proposal to discontinue the work of the Bills Committee and report to the House Committee the decision of the Bills Committee accordingly.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
5. Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel : 3919 3104	23.10.19	8.5.20 Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP	1 18.5.20			Next meeting to be held on 26.5.20 to meet with the Administration.
6. Bills Committee on Rating (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel : 3919 3101	23.10.19	8.5.20				First meeting to be held on 15.6.20 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(2)3 Tel : 3919 3203	30.10.19	8.5.20 Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP	1 15.5.20			Next two meetings to be held on 27.5.20 and 1.6.20 to meet with the Administration.
8. Bills Committee on Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	27.11.19	8.5.20 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP	1 19.5.20			The Bills Committee has completed the scrutiny of the Bill on 19.5.20 and will report to the House Committee in due course.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
9. Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel : 3919 3404	15.1.20	8.5.20 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP	1 18.5.20			Next meeting to be held on 26.5.20 to meet with the Administration.

Note 1 : At the special House Committee meeting on 8 May 2020 at 2:30 pm, Members agreed to form four Bills Committees to study (i) the Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2019; (ii) the Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 2019; (iii) the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Profits Tax Concessions for Insurance-related Businesses) Bill 2019; and (iv) the Court Proceedings (Electronic Technology) Bill in detail respectively. According to rule 21(b) of the House Rules, a Bills Committee should consist of not less than three members. Since only one Member has signified to join the proposed Bills Committees on (i) and (ii) respectively, and only two Members have signified to join the proposed Bills Committees on (iii) and (iv) respectively by the deadline for signification of membership, the four proposed Bills Committees have not been formed.

List B : Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 22.5.20

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
1. Bills Committee on Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel : 3919 3112	27.3.19	29.3.19 Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP	2 16.4.19 7.5.19	22.5.20	3.6.20	—

List C : Bill referred to the Panel on Manpower

Name of Bill Clerk	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of referral to the Panel on Manpower	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
1. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2019 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel : 3919 3201	To amend the Employment Ordinance to extend the statutory maternity leave by 4 weeks; to introduce a cap on the maternity leave pay in respect of the extension of maternity leave; to shorten the period of pregnancy mentioned in the definition of miscarriage; to allow a certificate of attendance to be accepted as proof in respect of entitlement to sickness allowance for a day on which a female employee attends a medical examination in relation to her pregnancy; and to provide for transitional and related matters.	8.1.20	15.1.20		At the Council meeting of 8.1.20, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare moved a motion under Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure that the Second Reading debate on the Bill be adjourned and the Bill be referred to the Panel on Manpower instead of the House Committee. The motion was agreed to at the Council meeting of 15.1.20.

List D : Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate

Name of Bill	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered	Council meeting at which Second Reading debate resumed/will be resumed (if known)	Remarks
1. Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2018	15.11.18	16.11.18 22.3.19	20.5.20	—
2. National Anthem Bill	23.1.19	25.1.19 28.6.19	27.5.20	—
3. Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill 2019	20.2.19	1.3.19 10.5.19	27.5.20	—
4. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions) Bill 2020	18.3.20	8.5.20	27.5.20	—
5. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Ship Leasing Tax Concessions) Bill 2020	18.3.20	8.5.20	27.5.20	—
6. Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Amendment) Bill 2018	11.7.18	5.10.18 8.5.20	27.5.20	—
7. Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Bill	12.12.18	14.12.18 8.5.20	27.5.20	—
8. Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018	12.12.18	14.12.18 8.5.20	27.5.20	—
9. Occupational Retirement Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2019	17.4.19	26.4.19 8.5.20	27.5.20	—

Name of Bill	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered	Council meeting at which Second Reading debate resumed/will be resumed (if known)	Remarks
10. Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2019	27.11.19	8.5.20	27.5.20	—
11. Supplementary Appropriation (2018-2019) Bill	30.10.19	8.5.20	27.5.20	—
12. St. John's College (Amendment) Bill 2019	4.12.19	8.5.20	27.5.20	—

List E : Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Remarks
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement - Ms Amy YU PCS1 Tel : 3919 3660	16.12.16 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP	5 20.1.17 20.6.17 20.12.17 4.6.18 7.5.19	28.6.19	A meeting was held between the Subcommittee and the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of the HKSAR on 5.3.20 to exchange views on the Subcommittee's report on the review of remuneration and operating expenses reimbursement for Members of the Seventh Legislative Council.

List F : Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date to report to House Committee	Remarks
<p>1. Subcommittee on Employees Retraining Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 4) Notice 2020</p> <p>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel : 3919 3201</p>	<p>8.5.20</p> <p>Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP</p>	<p>1</p> <p>15.5.20</p>		<p>The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 20.5.20 to extend the period for amending the Notice to the Council meeting of 10.6.20.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 25.5.20 to meet with the Administration.</p>
<p>2. Subcommittee on Eleven Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease and Gazetted Respectively on 27 March, 28 March, 1 April, 28 April and 5 May 2020</p> <p>- Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205</p>	<p>8.5.20</p> <p>Hon CHAN Hoi-yan</p>	<p>1</p> <p>15.5.20</p>		<p>The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move three proposed resolutions at the Council meeting of 20.5.20 to extend the period for amending (a) three items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 10.6.20; (b) seven items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 17.6.20; and (c) one item of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 24.6.20 respectively.</p> <p>Next two meetings to be held on 25.5.20 and 26.5.20 to meet with the Administration.</p>

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date to report to House Committee	Remarks
3. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Commissioning of the Tuen Mun- Chek Lap Kok Tunnel and the Tseung Kwan O- Lam Tin Tunnel - Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel : 3919 3403	8.5.20 Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP	1 15.5.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 20.5.20 to extend the period for amending the five items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 10.6.20. Next meeting to be held on 25.5.20 to meet with the Administration.
4. Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 and Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2020 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	8.5.20 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP	1 15.5.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 20.5.20 to extend the period for amending the two items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 10.6.20. Next meeting to be held on 26.5.20 to meet with the Administration.

List G : Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date to report to House Committee	Remarks
Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment - Mr Lemuel WOO CCS(4)6 Tel : 3919 3406	8.5.20			First meeting to be held on 26.5.20 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List H : Subcommittee on policy issues under House Committee in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Policy on Industrial Buildings - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel : 3919 3112	6.10.17 Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho	3 (17.12.19)	To study and follow up issues relating to the policy on industrial buildings, including the effectiveness of "revitalization of industrial buildings", usage of the existing industrial buildings, details of future policy support and other related issues.	Next meeting to be held on 6.6.20 to meet with the Administration. Subject to the latest situation of COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong, the Subcommittee will also meet with deputations at the same meeting.

List I : Other subcommittee under House Committee in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions - Mr Desmond LAM CCS(1)3 Tel : 3919 3103	14.10.16 Hon Kenneth LEUNG	7 (8.11.16)	To examine the implementation in Hong Kong resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to sanctions by Regulations made under section 3 of the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) and to follow up the recommendations made by the previous Subcommittee.	—

List J : Subcommittees under Panels in action

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) ^{Note 2}	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
<p>1. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.11.16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Chairman)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22 (18.11.16)</p>	<p>To follow up various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways as follows:</p> <p><u>Planning and implementation of new railway projects</u></p> <p>(a) planning and financing of new railway projects;</p> <p>(b) environmental impact assessment of new railway projects;</p> <p>(c) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519);</p> <p>(d) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;</p>	<p>At the House Committee meeting on 11.10.19, Members agreed that permission be given for the Subcommittee to continue to work in the 2019-2020 session.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 5.6.20 to meet with the Administration and representatives of MTR Corporation Limited.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(to be continued on next page)</i></p>

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) ^{Note 2}	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
1. <i>(continued from previous page)</i>			<p>(e) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; and</p> <p>(f) co-ordination of public transport services arising from the commissioning of new railway lines.</p> <p><u>Railway operation</u></p> <p>(a) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;</p> <p>(b) maintenance programme; and</p> <p>(c) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.</p> <p>Matters relating to corporate governance of the post-merger corporation and fares, including review of the fare adjustment mechanism, should be dealt with by the Panel on Transport.</p>	

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) ^{Note 2}	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
2. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project under the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs - Ms Doris LO CCS(1)2 Tel : 3919 3106	11.11.16 Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	20 (23.11.16)	To monitor issues relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, including the work of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, the project's interface with arts and cultural development, and other related matters.	At the House Committee meeting on 11.10.19, Members agreed that permission be given for the Joint Subcommittee to continue to work in the 2019-2020 session. Next meeting to be held on 1.6.20 to meet with the Administration.
3. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Development of Chinese Medicine under the Panel on Health Services - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205	25.4.17 Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (Deputy Chairman)	3 (20.12.19)	To study and review the Government's policies and initiatives to promote the short, medium and long-term development of Chinese medicine, and follow up on the issue of registration of Chinese medicines and other related matters.	Next meeting to be scheduled.
4. Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Development of Electric Vehicles under the Panel on Environmental Affairs - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel : 3919 3101	26.11.18 Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP	2 (21.4.20)	To review and study Hong Kong's policies on electric vehicles, including policy implementation, target setting, support measures and other related matters.	Next meeting to be held on 12.6.20 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) ^{Note 2}	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
5. Subcommittee to Study the Development of Textbooks and Teaching Materials for Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools under the Panel on Education - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel : 3919 3404	3.1.20	1 (28.4.20)	To study the regulation of the development of textbooks and teaching materials for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools and related issues, including the impact of prevailing school-based management policy on the development and regulation of textbooks and teaching materials, examine the relevant regulatory mechanism and make timely recommendations.	Next meeting to be held on 29.5.20 to elect the Chairman.
6. Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy under the Panel on Welfare Services and the Panel on Health Services - Ms Wendy JAN CCS(2)4 Tel : 3919 3204	14.11.16 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	13 (16.12.16)	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 as well as discuss the policy concerned with the Administration and make timely recommendations.	The Joint Subcommittee reactivated its work on 26.3.20. The Joint Subcommittee should complete its work within the remainder of the extension period originally sought, i.e. by the end of 2019-2020 session. Next meeting to be scheduled.

Note 2 A subcommittee on policy issues should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement, unless decided otherwise by the House Committee. The 12-month period is determined on the basis of the date of the first meeting of the subcommittee.

List K : Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
1. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Silver Age Card under the Panel on Welfare Services	11.5.20	To study and follow up welfare benefits to which members of the public aged between 60 and 64 are currently entitled, as well as the feasibility of introducing the Silver Age Card.	At the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services on 11.5.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame. Members of the Panel noted that it would be placed on the waiting list.
2. Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	8.11.16	To study and follow-up on policies and measures relating to animal rights, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	<p>At the House Committee meeting on 1.12.17, Members agreed that the Subcommittee be put on the waiting list for re-activation of work for another 12 months when a vacant slot arose.</p> <p>At the House Committee meeting on 6.7.18, Members considered the proposed arrangement for the order of activation of subcommittees on the waiting list and agreed that priority should be accorded to subcommittees which had not commenced work since their appointment over subcommittees which had completed their 12-month work period and been given endorsement by the House Committee to be put on the waiting list for re-activation.</p>