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**Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(as at 13 October 2020)**

Summary	1. Number of Bills Committee in action	:	0
	2. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	16
	3. Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	5 (see <u>List A</u> for details)
	4. Number of bills which the relevant Bills Committees were dissolved prior to completion of their scrutiny work	:	4 (see List B for details)
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	5. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	6. Number of subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/ other instruments in action	:	0
	7. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1 (see <u>List D</u> for details)
	8. Number of subcommittee under Panel in action	:	1 (see <u>List E</u> for details)
9. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	2 (see <u>List F</u> for details)	

List A : Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate ^{Note 1}

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. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019	15.1.20	8.5.20 19.6.20	14.10.20	The Administration gave notices to resume the Second Reading debates on the four Bills at the Council meeting of 8.7.20. The resumption of the Second Reading debates on the four Bills were subsequently stood over to a Council meeting in the 2020-2021 session.
2. Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 2019	11.12.19	8.5.20 29.5.20	14.10.20	
3. Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019	27.3.19	29.3.19 29.5.20	14.10.20	
4. Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2019	23.10.19	8.5.20 29.5.20	14.10.20	
5. Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019	27.11.19	8.5.20 12.6.20	21.10.20	<p>The Administration gave notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill and proposed to move an amendment to the Bill at the Council meeting of 8.7.20. The resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill was subsequently stood over to a Council meeting in the 2020-2021 session.</p> <p>On 12.10.20, the Administration has withdrawn the original amendment to the Bill and has sought the President's permission for the Administration to move new amendments to the Bill at the Council meeting of 21.10.20. The new amendments seek to revise the commencement dates and/or the effective date of certain clauses of the Bill due to lapse of time.</p> <p>The Bills Committee will further report to the House Committee on 16.10.20 and will seek the support of the House Committee for recommending the President to give permission to dispense with the notice of moving the new amendments to the Bill.</p>

Note 1 : The Second Reading debate on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill 2018 was originally scheduled to resume at the Council meeting of 8.7.20, and subsequently stood over to a Council meeting in the 2020-2021 session. The Administration withdrew the relevant notice on 5.10.20.

List B : Bills which the relevant Bills Committees were dissolved prior to completion of their scrutiny work

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 will be resumed (if known)	Remarks
1. Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018	14.11.18	16.11.18 10.7.20		The House Committee will consider and decide how to deal with the four Bills at its meeting on 16.10.20.
2. Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019	20.2.19	1.3.19 3.7.20		
3. Franchised Taxi Services Bill	8.5.19	10.5.19 19.6.20		
4. Rating (Amendment) Bill 2019	23.10.19	8.5.20 10.7.20		

List C : 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	6 20.1.17 20.6.17 20.12.17 4.6.18 7.5.19 13.7.20	28.6.19	—

List D : 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 E : Subcommittee under Panel 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
1. 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	4 (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 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 F : 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>