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**Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(as at 3 November 2020)**

Summary	1. Number of Bills Committees in action	:	2	(see List A for details)
	2. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	14	
	3. Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	2	(see List B for details)
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	4. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see List C for details)
	5. Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/ other instruments in action	:	19	(see List D for details)
	6. Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment	:		(see List E for details)
	7. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1	(see List F for details)
	8. Number of subcommittee under Panel in action	:	1	(see List G for details)
9. Number of subcommittees on policy issues pending activation	:	7	(see List H for details)	

List A : Bills Committees in action

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 Formed on 16 October 2020 to Study the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 - Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Tel : 3919 3105	14.11.18	16.10.20 ^{Note 1} Hon Kenneth LEUNG (Chairman) Hon HUI Chi-fung (Deputy Chairman)	1 3.11.20			Next meeting to be scheduled.
2. Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (2020-2021 session) - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205	20.2.19	16.10.20 ^{Note 1}				First meeting to be held on 6.11.20 to elect the Chairman.

Note 1 : The respective former Bills Committees formed to study the two Bills had reported their deliberations and decisions to discontinue their scrutiny work to the House Committee in the 2019-2020 session. Having regard to the decisions of the two former Bills Committees, the House Committee agreed to dissolve the two former Bills Committees. As the two Bills were carried forward to the 2020-2021 session, at the House Committee meeting on 16.10.20, Members agreed to form two new Bills Committees to continue the scrutiny work of the two Bills respectively.

List B : Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate Notes 2 and 3

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. Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2019	23.10.19	8.5.20 29.5.20	4.11.20	<p>The Administration gave notice to resume the Second Reading debates on the Bill at the Council meeting of 8.7.20. The resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill were subsequently stood over to the Council meeting of 14.10.20.</p> <p>As the unfinished business on the Agendas of the Council meetings of 14.10.20, 21.10.20 and 28.10.20 will stand over to the Council meeting of 4.11.20, the Second Reading debate on the Bill will continue to be dealt with at the Council meeting of 4.11.20.</p>
2. Road Traffic Legislation (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bill 2019	27.11.19	8.5.20 12.6.20 16.10.20	11.11.20	—

Note 2 : 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. Since the Administration was reflecting on certain aspects of the legislative proposals in the Bill and considering possible refinements thereto, the Secretary for Justice withdrew the notice of resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill on 5.10.20.

Note 3 : The Administration has given notices to announce the withdrawal of the Franchised Taxi Services Bill and the Rating (Amendment) Bill 2019 under Rule 64(2) of the Rules of Procedure at the beginning of proceedings for the resumption of the Second Reading debates on these two Bills at the Council meeting of 11.11.20.

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 : 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
1. Subcommittee on Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (Commencement) Notice - Miss Lilian MOK CCS(2)4 Tel : 3919 3204	16.10.20 Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP	1 3.11.20	13.11.20	—
2. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205	16.10.20 Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP (Chairman) Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Deputy Chairman)	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move two proposed resolutions at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending (a) 18 items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 144 to L.N. 151, L.N. 158 to L.N. 160, L.N. 162 and L.N. 198 to L.N. 203) tabled in Council on 14.10.20 to the Council meeting of 2.12.20; and (b) one item of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 209) tabled in Council on 21.10.20 to the Council meeting of 9.12.20 respectively. Next two meetings to be held on 9.11.20 and 16.11.20 to meet with the Administration.

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 Emergency (Date of General Election) (Seventh Term of the Legislative Council) Regulation - Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel : 3919 3202	16.10.20 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP (Chairman) Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	1 30.10.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 4.11.20 to extend the period for amending the Regulation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 9.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
4. Subcommittee on Medical Laboratory Technologists (Special Exemptions) Regulation - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205	16.10.20			First meeting to be held on 6.11.20 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
5. Subcommittee on Three Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Commissioning of Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point - Mr Desmond LAM CCS(1)3 Tel : 3919 3103	16.10.20 Hon KWONG Chun-yu	1 30.10.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 4.11.20 to extend the period for amending the three items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20.
6. Subcommittee on Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules) Order 2020 - Ms Wendy JAN CCS(4)1 Tel : 3919 3401	16.10.20 Hon HUI Chi-fung	1 2.11.20		Next meeting to be scheduled.

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
7. Subcommittee on Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel : 3919 3201	16.10.20 Hon LAM Cheuk-ting	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the Amendment Order to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 16.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
8. Subcommittee on Five Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Extension of Waivers of Government Fees and Charges to Support the Maritime and Logistics Sectors - Ms Shirley CHAN CCS(4)5 Tel : 3919 3405	16.10.20 Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the five items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 10.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
9. Subcommittee on Five Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation on Fee Waiving or Concession Measures to Support the Transport Sector - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	16.10.20 Hon Claudia MO	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the five items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 10.11.20 to meet with the Administration.

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
10. Subcommittee on Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel : 3919 3404	16.10.20 Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the Amendment Regulation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 10.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
11. Subcommittee on Three Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to Fees Payable for Marine Fish Culture Licences and Renewal of Livestock Keeping Licences - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel : 3919 3112	16.10.20 Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS	2 23.10.20 3.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 4.11.20 to extend the period for amending the three items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Reporting to the House Committee on 20.11.20.
12. Subcommittee on Five Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to Fee Waiving or Concession Measures for the Retail and Catering Sectors - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel : 3919 3101	16.10.20 Hon Alvin YEUNG	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the five items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 6.11.20 to meet with the Administration.

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
13. Subcommittee on Seven Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation Relating to Fee Waiving or Concession Measures for the Construction Sector - Ms Doris LO CCS(1)2 Tel : 3919 3106	16.10.20 Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	1 3.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the seven items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 16.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
14. Subcommittee on Five Pieces of Subsidiary Legislation on Fee Waiving and Concession Measures Relating to the Tourism and Entertainment Sectors - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel : 3919 3112	16.10.20 Hon WU Chi-wai, MH	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the five items of subsidiary legislation to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 13.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
15. Subcommittee on Smoking (Public Health) (Designation of No Smoking Areas) (Amendment) Notice 2020 - Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel : 3919 3202	16.10.20 Dr Hon Pierre CHAN	1 3.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the Amendment Notice to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 9.11.20 to meet with the Administration.

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
16. Subcommittee on Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (Commencement) Notice - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel : 3919 3201	16.10.20 Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan	1 2.11.20		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 11.11.20 to extend the period for amending the Commencement Notice to the Council meeting of 2.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 10.11.20 to meet with the Administration.
17. Subcommittee on Census and Statistics (2021 Population Census) Order - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel : 3919 3101	23.10.20			First meeting to be held on 6.11.20 to elect the Chairman.
18. Subcommittee on Registration of Determinations and Orders of Public Interest Entities Auditors Review Tribunal Rules and Registration of Orders of Insurance Appeals Tribunal Rules - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel : 3919 3104	23.10.20			First meeting to be held on 10.11.20 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
19. Subcommittee on Two Orders Made under Section 49(1A) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance and Gazetted on 23 October 2020 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel : 3919 3104	30.10.20			First meeting to be scheduled.

List E : 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	16.10.20 Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP	1 28.10.20		The Subcommittee has completed its deliberation. Pending the Administration's response to outstanding issues, the Subcommittee will report to the House Committee in due course.

List F : 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.	Next meeting to be held on 6.11.20 to meet with the Administration.

List G : 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 4}	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 4 : 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 H : Subcommittees on policy issues pending activation ^{Note 5}

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
Subcommittees appointed before the 2020-2021 session			
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>

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
Subcommittees appointed in the 2020-2021 session			
3. Subcommittee on Epidemic Prevention and Control under the House Committee	30.10.20	To follow up the Government's measures relating to people's livelihood, the economy, healthcare and social welfare in response to the COVID-19 epidemic after its outbreak, discuss the anti-epidemic efforts with the Government and make timely recommendations.	At the House Committee meeting on 30.10.20, Members endorsed the appointment of the three Subcommittees with the respective proposed terms of reference, work plans and time frames.
4. Subcommittee on Unemployment Financial Assistance under the House Committee	30.10.20	To examine the unemployment situation in Hong Kong and the livelihood issues faced by the unemployed amid the COVID-19 epidemic, and to study ways to take forward practical assistance measures and long-term policies, with a view to supporting the unemployed in tiding over the epidemic, while encouraging the underprivileged to take up employment again as well as revitalizing the labour force and local economy amid the epidemic.	
5. Subcommittee to Support Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises under the House Committee	30.10.20	To examine the operating environment of small and medium-sized enterprises in Hong Kong and the problems encountered in their operation amid the epidemic, and to study ways to take forward practical assistance measures and long-term policies, with a view to supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in tiding over the COVID-19 epidemic, while motivating the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises including start-ups, so as to promote the diversified development of Hong Kong's employment market and economy.	

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Transitional Housing and Subdivided Units under the Panel on Housing	2.11.20	To study and follow up measures relating to transitional housing and subdivided units and make recommendations.	At the meeting of the Panel on Housing on 2.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.
7. Subcommittee on Labour Exploitation, Illicit Activities by Employment Agencies, and Human Trafficking under the Panel on Security	3.11.20	To review and follow up on the Government's efforts in tackling matters concerning labour exploitation, illicit activities by employment agencies, and human trafficking ("concerned activities"), and practices that enable concerned activities, including but not limited to the Action Plan to Tackle Trafficking in Persons and to Enhance Protection of Domestic Workers in Hong Kong and relevant laws, reporting and enforcement mechanisms, and policies, and provide recommendations to address the above-mentioned issues.	At the meeting of the Panel on Security on 3.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.

Note 5 : At the House Committee ("HC") meeting on 16.10.20, Members noted that given that the election of chairmen and deputy chairmen of the 18 Panels had not yet completed, HC would consider the matter concerning the activation of subcommittees on policy issues in the 2020-2021 session at a later meeting, and the Secretariat would provide for Members' consideration a paper which should include (a) the full list of subcommittees on policy issues appointed under HC/Panels as well as Select Committees and Investigation Committees pending activation; and (b) how the Secretariat's resources were allocated to the servicing of various types of committees.