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**Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(as at 1 December 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 bill pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	1 (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 subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/ other instruments in action	:	1 (see List D for details)
	6. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1 (see List E for details)
	7. Number of subcommittee under Panel in action	:	1 (see List F for details)
8. Number of subcommittees on policy issues pending activation	:	15 (see List G 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
<p>1. Bills Committee Formed on 16 October 2020 to Study the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018</p> <p>- Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Tel : 3919 3105</p>	14.11.18	<p>16.10.20</p> <p>Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)</p> <p>Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3.11.20 16.11.20</p>			Next meeting to be scheduled.
<p>2. Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (2020-2021 session)</p> <p>- Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205</p>	20.2.19	<p>16.10.20</p> <p>Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairman)</p> <p>Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6.11.20 17.11.20</p>			Next meeting to be held on 22.12.20 to meet with the Administration.

List B : Bill 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. Supplementary Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill	4.11.20	6.11.20 20.11.20	9.12.20	—

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. 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.

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 : Subcommittee 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 Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)5 Tel : 3919 3205</p>	<p>16.10.20 Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP</p>	<p>3 2.11.20 16.11.20 24.11.20</p>	<p>27.11.20 (1st verbal report)</p>	<p>The Subcommittee will provide to the House Committee in due course the first written report covering 22 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in Council between 15.7.20 and 21.10.20.</p> <p>At the House Committee meeting on 27.11.20, Members agreed that two items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 222 and L.N. 223) tabled in Council on 25.11.20 should be studied by the Subcommittee.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Subcommittee will move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 2.12.20 to extend the period for amending one item of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 221) tabled in Council on 18.11.20 to the Council meeting of 6.1.21.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 8.12.20 to meet with the Administration.</p>

List E : 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 Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel : 3919 3103	14.10.16 Note 2	8 (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.	At the House Committee meeting on 13.11.20, Members agreed that the membership of the Subcommittee be re-opened. By way of a circular issued on 1.12.20, Members have been invited to signify the membership of the Subcommittee by 12:00 midnight on 9.12.20. Next meeting to be held on 11.12.20 to elect the Chairman.

Note 2 : The office of Chairman of the Subcommittee is vacant.

List F : 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 3}	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 Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP	5 (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 3 : 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 G : Subcommittees on policy issues pending activation ^{Note 4}

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.
8. Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project under the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs	9.11.20	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.	The Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs endorsed, at their respective meetings on 27.10.20 and 9.11.20, the appointment of the Joint Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.
9. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Improvement of Environmental Hygiene and Cityscape under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene	10.11.20	To study and follow up on measures for the improvement of environmental hygiene and cityscape, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame. The Panel also agreed that the work plan of the Subcommittee would be fine-tuned in the light of the comments made by Panel members at the same meeting. The fine-tuned work plan was issued to Panel members on 16.11.20.

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
10. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Stimulation of Hong Kong's Economy under the Panel on Commerce and Industry	17.11.20	To review and study policies relating to the stimulation of Hong Kong's economy, including policy objectives, complementary support measures, policy implementation as well as other related matters, and to make timely recommendations.	At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 17.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.
11. Subcommittee to Study the Setting Up of an Unemployment Assistance System in Hong Kong under the Panel on Manpower	17.11.20	To study the setting up of an unemployment assistance system in Hong Kong and related issues, and to make recommendations where necessary.	At the meeting of the Panel on Manpower on 17.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.
12. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport	20.11.20	<p>To follow up on overall planning of railways (Note 2), and various issues relating to the planning and implementation of new railway projects, and the operation of existing railways as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) implementation progress of "Railway Development Strategy 2014"; (b) overall planning and financing of new railway projects; (c) environmental impact assessment of new railway projects; (d) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519); (e) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects; (f) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; 	<p>At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 20.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the three Subcommittees with the respective proposed terms of reference, work plans and time frames. The Panel also agreed that the terms of reference of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways would be fine-tuned in the light of the comments made by Panel members at the same meeting. The fine-tuned terms of reference were issued to Panel members on 25.11.20.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(to be continued on next page)</i></p>

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12. <i>(continued from previous page)</i>		<p>(g) co-ordination of other public transport services consequent to the commissioning of new railway lines and related matters;</p> <p>(h) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;</p> <p>(i) maintenance programme; and</p> <p>(j) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.</p> <p>Note 1: 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> <p>Note 2: According to the "Third Comprehensive Transport Study" conducted in 1997, railways would form the backbone of the passenger transport system. Railway developments would thus have considerable impact on the overall community and people's livelihood. At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 20 November 2020, members expressed the view that the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways should not only follow up on the operation of individual railways, but should also focus on the overall planning of railway developments and time table of the implementation.</p>	<i>(to be continued on next page)</i>

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13. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector under the Panel on Transport	20.11.20	To study and follow up on the problems encountered by the transport sector in procuring insurance, and to make recommendations to tackle such problems where appropriate.	<i>(continued from previous page)</i>
14. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Parking Spaces and the Park-and-Ride Schemes under the Panel on Transport	20.11.20	To study and follow up on measures to improve the provision of parking spaces and the Park-and-Ride Schemes, and to make recommendations.	
15. Subcommittee on New Directions for Economic and Employment Development under the House Committee	20.11.20	To study the causes of Hong Kong's economic predicament and the strategies and way forward to make a breakthrough by, among others, examining the problem of imbalanced industrial structure, and to make recommendations on ways to promote the policies on new and high technology as well as re-industrialization, etc., together with recommendations on promoting employment and creating more quality employment opportunities.	At the House Committee meeting on 20.11.20, Members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.

Note 4 : 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.