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**Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(as at 12:00 noon on 10 December 2020)**

Summary	1. Number of Bills Committees in action	:	4 (see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	12
	3. Number of bill pending decision of House Committee	:	1 (see <u>List B</u> for details)
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	4. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5. Number of subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/ other instruments in action	:	1 (see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6. Number of other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1 (see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7. Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	10 (see <u>List F</u> for details)
8. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	6 (see <u>List G</u> 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 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	2 3.11.20 16.11.20			Next meeting to be held on 23.12.20 to meet with the Administration.
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 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	2 6.11.20 17.11.20			Next meeting to be held on 22.12.20 to meet with the Administration.
3. Bills Committee on Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Bill - Mr Lemuel WOO CCS(4)6 Tel : 3919 3406	2.12.20	4.12.20				First meeting to be held on 15.12.20 to elect the Chairman.

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4. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel : 3919 3101	2.12.20	4.12.20				First meeting to be held on 18.12.20 to elect the Chairman.

List B : Bill pending decision of House Committee

Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	Date of First Reading of Bill	Date of House Committee meeting at which the Bill will be considered	Remarks
1. Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill 2020	To amend the Sex Discrimination Ordinance to render it unlawful for a person to harass a breastfeeding woman; and to make related amendments.	9.12.20	11.12.20	—

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) 2.12.20 (1st written report)</p>	<p>At the House Committee meeting on 4.12.20, Members agreed that one item of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 235) tabled in Council on 2.12.20 should be studied by the Subcommittee.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notices to move two proposed resolutions at the Council meeting of 16.12.20 to extend the period for amending (a) two items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 222 and L.N. 223) tabled in Council on 25.11.20 to the Council meeting of 13.1.21; and (b) one item of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 235) tabled in Council on 2.12.20 to the Council meeting of 20.1.21 respectively.</p> <p>Next meeting is rescheduled to be held on 15.12.20 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 1	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.	By the deadline for signification of membership, one Member has signified to join the Subcommittee. According to rules 21(b) and 26(f) of the House Rules, a subcommittee should consist of not less than three members. The Subcommittee cannot continue its operation. The meeting scheduled for 11.12.20 has been cancelled.

Note 1 : The office of Chairman of the Subcommittee is vacant.

List F : Subcommittees 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 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.
2. 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.	Note 3
3. 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.	Note 3
4. 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.	Note 3

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. 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.	Note 3
6. 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.	Note 3
7. 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.	Note 3
8. 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.	Note 3

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
9. 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; time table of the implementation; (g) co-ordination of other public transport services consequent to the commissioning of new railway lines and related matters; (h) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management; 	<p>Note 3</p> <p><i>(to be continued on next page)</i></p>

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9. <i>(continued from previous page)</i>	20.11.20		<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>	

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
10. 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.	Note 3

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.

Note 3 : Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 4.12.20 and the consultation results issued on 10.12.20 regarding allocation of resources to the servicing work of investigation committees, select committees formed by a petition and subcommittees on policy issues in the 2020-2021 session, these nine subcommittees on policy issues received the most support for immediate activation and were taken as endorsed by the House Committee.

List G : Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list ^{Note 4}

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
1. 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 these three Subcommittees with the respective proposed terms of reference, work plans and time frames.
2. 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.	
3. 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
4. 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.
5. 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.	At the meeting of the Panel on Transport on 20.11.20, members endorsed the appointment of the Subcommittee with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame.
6. 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 : Pursuant to the decision made at the House Committee meeting on 4.12.20 and the consultation results issued on 10.12.20 regarding allocation of resources to the servicing work of investigation committees, select committees formed by a petition and subcommittees on policy issues in the 2020-2021 session, these six subcommittees on policy issues are put on the waiting list in accordance with the established practice.