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## Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 16 February 2021)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	5	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 19.2.21	:	1	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	3.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	10	
	4.	Number of bill pending decision of House Committee	:	1	(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5.	Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	:	2	(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  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	Date of First Reading of Bill 14.11.18	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.10.20  Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held  3 3.11.20 16.11.20 27.1.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 25.2.21 to meet with the Administration.	
2. Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (2020-2021 session) - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3205	20.2.19	Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	3 6.11.20 17.11.20 19.1.21			Next meeting to be held on 23.2.21 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  Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP	2 11.1.21 19.1.21			Next meeting is rescheduled to be held on 26.2.21 to meet with the Administration.	

	Date of First Reading of Bill 9.12.20	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.12.20 Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held  1 15.1.21	Date of reporting to House Committee 26.2.21	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks —
5. Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	16.12.20	8.1.21  Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP	2 20.1.21 5.2.21			Next meeting to be held on 3.3.21 to meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 19.2.21							
			Date and	Date of	Expected date		
	Date of	Date of formation of Bills	number of	reporting to	for resumption		
Name of Bills Committee	First Reading	Committee	meetings	House	of Second		
Clerk	of Bill	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks	
1. Bills Committee on Stamp Duty	2.12.20	4.12.20	2	19.2.21	17.3.21	_	
(Amendment) Bill 2020			6.1.21				
- Mr Derek LO		Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung,	18.1.21				
CCS(1)5		GBS, JP					
Tel: 3919 3101							

List C : Bill pending decision of House Committee								
		_	Date of House					
		Date of	Committee meeting					
		First Reading	at which the Bill					
Name of Bill	Object(s) of the Bill	of Bill	will be considered	Remarks				
1. Inland Revenue	$\mathcal{C}$ 1	3.2.21	19.2.21	_				
(Amendment) (Tax	1 , 5 1							
Concessions for Carried								
Interest) Bill 2021	interest received by, or accrued to, the qualifying persons and							
	the qualifying employees from the provision of investment							
	management services by those persons and employees for							
	certain funds and entities; to expand for the purposes of							
	profits tax exemption the eligible classes of assets that may be							
	held and administered by a special purpose entity on behalf of							
	a fund that owns the entity; and to provide for related and							
	transitional matters.							

List D : Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement								
			Date of					
	Date of formation of	Date and	reporting to					
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	House					
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	Committee	Remarks				
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration	16.12.16	6	28.6.19	_				
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement		20.1.17						
- Ms Amy YU	Hon WONG Ting-kwong,	20.6.17						
PCS1	GBS, JP	20.12.17						
Tel: 3919 3660		4.6.18						
		7.5.19						
		13.7.20						

List E: Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action Date of formation of Date and Date to report Subcommittee Name of Subcommittee to House number of Clerk Chairman/Deputy Chairman meetings held Committee Remarks 1. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation 16.10.20 27.11.20 The Subcommittee will provide the Relating to the Prevention and Control of 2.11.20 fourth written report to the House (1st verbal Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan. 16.11.20 Committee in due course. Disease report) - Mr Colin CHUI 24.11.20 2.12.20 SBS, JP CCS(4)3 (Chairman) 16.12.20 (1st written Tel: 3919 3403 12.1.21 report) 19.1.21 8.1.21 Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS 27.1.21 (2nd report) (Deputy Chairman) 15.1.21 (3rd verbal report) 20.1.21 (3rd written report) 29.1.21 (4th verbal report) Subcommittee on Insurance (Amendment) 29.1.21 The Chairman of the Subcommittee has 1 26.2.21 Ordinance 2020 (Commencement) Notice and 10.2.21 given notice to move a proposed Insurance (Special Purpose Business) Rules Hon WONG Ting-kwong, resolution at the Council meeting of - Ms Connie SZETO GBS, JP 24.2.21 to extend the period for amending the two items of subsidiary CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104 legislation to the Council meeting of 17.3.21.

	List F : Subcor	mmittees un	nder Panel in action	
Name of Subcommittee Clerk  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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 3.1.20 Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 1  7 (28.4.20)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  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.	scheduled.
<ul> <li>2. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Silver Age Card under the Panel on Welfare Services</li> <li>- Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3205</li> </ul>	11.5.20  Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH	1 (6.1.21)	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.	26.2.21 to meet with the

Name of Subcommittee Clerk  3. Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene - Miss Connie AU SCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3213	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 8.11.16 Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 1  9 (16.12.16)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  To study and follow-up on policies and measures relating to animal rights, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	Remarks  The Subcommittee reactivated its work on 13.1.21.  Next meeting to be held on 22.3.21 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>4. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Transitional Housing and Subdivided Units under the Panel on Housing</li> <li>- Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3101</li> </ul>	2.11.20  Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Chairman)  Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH (Deputy Chairman)	1 (15.1.21)	To study and follow up measures relating to transitional housing and subdivided units and make recommendations.	Next meeting to be held on 25.2.21 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project under the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs</li> <li>Ms Doris LO CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3106</li> </ul>	9.11.20 Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH	2 (4.1.21)	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.	_

		Number of		
	Date of formation of	meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the	Remarks
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	<i>U</i> /	subcommittee	
6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to	10.11.20	2	To study and follow up on measures for	Next meeting to be scheduled.
the Improvement of Environmental		(13.1.21)	the improvement of environmental	
Hygiene and Cityscape under the	Hon CHAN Han-pan,		hygiene and cityscape, and to put	
Panel on Food Safety and	BBS, JP		forward recommendations where	
Environmental Hygiene	(Chairman)		necessary.	
- Miss Josephine SO	Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP			
CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202	(Deputy Chairman)			
161 . 3919 3202	(Deputy Chairman)			
7. Subcommittee on Issues Relating	17.11.20	2	To review and study policies relating to	Next meeting to be held on
to the Stimulation of Hong Kong's		(22.12.20)	the stimulation of Hong Kong's	26.2.21 to meet with the
Economy under the Panel on	Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka,		economy, including policy objectives,	Administration.
Commerce and Industry	BBS, JP		complementary support measures,	
- Mr Boris LAM	(Chairman)		policy implementation as well as other	
CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	Han VIII Ci wing DDC		related matters, and to make timely recommendations.	
Tel: 3919 3103	Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Deputy Chairman)		recommendations.	
	(Deputy Chairman)			
8. Subcommittee to Study the	17.11.20	2	To study the setting up of an	Next meeting to be held on
Setting Up of an Unemployment		(7.1.21)	unemployment assistance system in	
Assistance System in Hong Kong	Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP		Hong Kong and related issues, and to	Administration.
under the Panel on Manpower	(Chairman)		make recommendations where	
- Miss Betty MA			necessary.	
CCS(2)1	Hon Vincent CHENG			
Tel: 3919 3201	Wing-shun, MH, JP			
	(Deputy Chairman)			

Name of Subcommittee Clerk  9. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3402	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 20.11.20  Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 1  3 (5.1.21)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  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:  (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;	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 9.4.21 to meet with the Administration.
			(Cap. 519); (e) progress update on the implementation	
			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;	(to be continued on next page)

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 1	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
9. (continued from previous page)			<ul> <li>(i) maintenance programme; and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

	Date of formation of	Number of meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the	Remarks
10. Joint Subcommittee on Issues	18.1.21 Note 2	1	To study and follow up on the problems	Next meeting to be
Relating to Insurance Coverage		(5.2.21)	encountered by the transport sector in	scheduled.
for the Transport Sector under	Hon Frankie YICK		procuring insurance, and to make	
the Panel on Transport and the	Chi-ming, SBS, JP		recommendations to tackle such problems	
Panel on Financial Affairs			where appropriate.	
- Ms Shirley CHAN				
CCS(4)5				
Tel: 3919 3405				

Note 1: A subcommittee on policy issues should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement, unless decided otherwise by the House Committee ("HC"). The 12-month period is determined on the basis of the date of the first meeting of the subcommittee.

Note 2: HC had earlier endorsed the immediate activation of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector ("the Subcommittee") appointed by the Panel on Transport on 20.11.20. The Chairman of the Panel on Transport wrote to the HC Chairman on 25.2.21 reporting that as the subject matter to be studied by the Subcommittee involved transport policies as well as legal and operational issues of the insurance industry, the Panel on Transport had decided to invite the Panel on Financial Affairs to set up this Joint Subcommittee under the two Panels to study the subject matter instead of the Subcommittee. The Panel on Financial Affairs agreed to accept the invitation vide a letter issued by its Chairman on 18.1.21. The two Panels then decided to seek HC's support for the setting up of this Joint Subcommittee. At the HC meeting on 29.1.21, Members agreed to the proposal of the two Panels.

List G: Subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list Note 3				
Name of Subcommittee  1. Subcommittee on Epidemic Prevention and Control under the House Committee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 30.10.20	Terms of reference of the subcommittee  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.	Remarks  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.		

	Date of appointment		
Name of Subcommittee	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 abovementioned 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 Parkand-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 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 six subcommittees on policy issues are put on the waiting list in accordance with the established practice.