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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 23 March 2021)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	11	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	5	
	3.	Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	2	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	4.	Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement	:		(see <u>List C</u> for details)
	5.	Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other instruments in action	:	2	(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 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 4 3.11.20 16.11.20 27.1.21 25.2.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.	
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	16.10.20 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)	4 6.11.20 17.11.20 19.1.21 23.2.21			Next meeting to be held on 30.3.21 to meet with the Administration.	
Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Dr Hon Pr		4.12.20 Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP	4 11.1.21 19.1.21 26.2.21 9.3.21			The Bills Committee has held four meetings since commencement of its work on 11.1.21. The Chairman of the Bills Committee has advised that the Bills Committee needs to work beyond three months since its commencement. The Bills Committee will report to the House Committee in due course.	

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 4. Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of First Reading of Bill 16.12.20	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 8.1.21 Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held 3 20.1.21 5.2.21 3.3.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Subject to members' views on the Administration's proposed amendments to the Bill, the Bills Committee will report to the House Committee in due course.
5. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Carried Interest) Bill 2021 - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3112	3.2.21	19.2.21 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP	1 9.3.21		28.4.21	Reporting to the House Committee on 16.4.21.
6. Bills Committee on Employees' Compensation (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	24.2.21	26.2.21 Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP	1 12.3.21			Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues, the Bills Committee will report to the House Committee in due course.
 7. Bills Committee on Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202 	24.2.21	26.2.21 Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP	1 17.3.21			Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues, the Bills Committee will consider the need to hold a further meeting.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 8. Bills Committee on Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201	Date of First Reading of Bill 17.3.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 19.3.21	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks First meeting to be held on 8.4.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
9. Bills Committee on Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021 - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3402	17.3.21	19.3.21				First meeting to be held on 31.3.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
10. Bills Committee on Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021 - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3404	17.3.21	19.3.21				First meeting to be held on 1.4.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
11. Bills Committee on Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021 - Mr Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	17.3.21	19.3.21				First meeting to be held on 30.3.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate Note 1							
		Date of House	Council meeting at				
		Committee	which Second				
		meeting(s) at which	Reading debate				
	Date of First	the Bill was	resumed/will be				
Name of Bill	Reading of Bill	considered	resumed (if known)	Remarks			
1. Revenue (Tax Concessions) Bill 2021	17.3.21	19.3.21		_			
2. Waterworks (Waterworks Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 2021	17.3.21	19.3.21		_			

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									
			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 D : Subcommittees on sub	sidiary legislation/dra	ıft subsidiaı	ry legislation/ot	ther instruments in action
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 1. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease - Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel: 3919 3403	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.10.20 Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held 8 2.11.20 16.11.20 24.11.20 16.12.20 12.1.21 19.1.21 27.1.21 5.3.21	Date to report to House Committee Note 2	Remarks The Subcommittee's fifth written report in respect of eight items of subsidiary legislation tabled in Council on 24.2.21 (i.e. L.N. 18 and L.N. 24 to L.N. 30) was issued to Members on 17.3.21.
 2. Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution under Section 2(3) of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) - Ms Connie HO CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3106 	12.3.21			First meeting to be held on 30.3.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

Note 2: The Subcommittee reported its deliberations on a total of 49 items of subsidiary legislation at the House Committee meetings on 27.11.20, 8.1.21, 15.1.21, 29.1.21 and 12.3.21 respectively, and provided Members with four written reports earlier in respect of a total of 41 items of subsidiary legislation on 2.12.20, 29.12.20, 20.1.21 and 17.2.21 respectively.

List E: Other subcommittee under House Committee in action							
		Date and					
	Date of formation of	number of					
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	meetings	Date to report to				
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	House Committee	Remarks			
1. Subcommittee on Decision of the National	19.3.21			First meeting to be held on 26.3.21 to			
People's Congress on Improving the				elect the Chairman and meet with the			
Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special				Administration.			
Administrative Region							
- Ms Joanne MAK							
CCS(4)7							
Tel: 3919 3203							

List F : Subcommittees under 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 3 8 (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.	Remarks The 12-month period of work of the Subcommittee will expire on 27.4.21. The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel.		
 2. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Silver Age Card under the Panel on Welfare Services Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3205 	Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH	2 (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.	Next meeting to be held on 13.4.21 to meet with the Administration.		
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	8.11.16 Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP	10 (16.12.16)	To study and follow-up on policies and measures relating to animal rights, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	The Subcommittee reactivated its work on 13.1.21. Next meeting to be scheduled.		
 4. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Transitional Housing and Subdivided Units under the Panel on Housing - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3101 	2.11.20 Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH (Deputy Chairman)	3 (15.1.21)	To study and follow up measures relating to transitional housing and subdivided units and make recommendations.	Next meeting to be scheduled.		

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 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 - Ms Connie HO CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3106	Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3 (4.1.21)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	<u> </u>
 6. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Improvement of Environmental Hygiene and Cityscape under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel: 3919 3202 	Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP (Deputy Chairman)	3 (13.1.21)	To study and follow up on measures for the improvement of environmental hygiene and cityscape, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	27.4.21 to meet with the
 7. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Stimulation of Hong Kong's Economy under the Panel on Commerce and Industry - Mr Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103 	17.11.20 Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	3 (22.12.20)	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.	
 8. Subcommittee to Study the Setting Up of an Unemployment Assistance System in Hong Kong under the Panel on Manpower - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201 	Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Chairman) Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)	3 (7.1.21)	To study the setting up of an unemployment assistance system in Hong Kong and related issues, and to make recommendations where necessary.	13.4.21 to meet with the

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 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;	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 9.4.21 to meet with the Administration and representatives of MTR Corporation Limited.
Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2	20.11.20 Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP	3	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	9.4.21 to meet with the Administration and representatives of MTR
			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)

N	Date of formation of	Number of meetings held		D 1
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting) Note 3	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
9. (continued from previous page)			(i) maintenance programme; and	
			(j) train service disruptions and breakdowns, and arrangements for handling emergency situations.	
			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.	
			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.	

	D	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	meeting) Note 3	subcommittee	
10. Joint Subcommittee on Issues	18.1.21	1	To study and follow up on the problems	Next meeting to be held on
Relating to Insurance Coverage		(5.2.21)	encountered by the transport sector in	7.4.21 to meet with the
for the Transport Sector under	Hon Frankie YICK		procuring insurance, and to make	Administration.
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 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 on the waiting list Note 4						
Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks			
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.				

	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 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.