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## Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 13 April 2021)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	10	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of Bills Committees reporting to the House Committee on 16.4.21	:	5	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	3.	Number of vacant slot of Bills Committee	:	1	
	4.	Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	3	(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 other subcommittee under House Committee in action	:	1	(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	8.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	10	(see <u>List G</u> for details)
	9.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	6	(see <u>List H</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)	5 6.11.20 17.11.20 19.1.21 23.2.21 30.3.21			Next meeting to be scheduled.			
<ul> <li>3. Bills Committee on Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021</li> <li>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	17.3.21	19.3.21 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP	1 13.4.21			Next meeting to be scheduled.			
4. 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  Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP	2 31.3.21 13.4.21			Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues, the Bills Committee will report to the House Committee in due course.			

Name of Bills Committee Clerk  5. Bills Committee on Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021  - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3404	Date of First Reading of Bill 17.3.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 19.3.21  Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held  4 1.4.21 7.4.21 9.4.21 12.4.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks  Next meeting is rescheduled to be held on 15.4.21 to meet with the Administration.
6. Bills Committee on Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021  - Mr Boris LAM  CCS(1)3  Tel: 3919 3103	17.3.21	19.3.21 Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan	1 30.3.21			Next meeting to be held on 23.4.21 to meet with the Administration.
7. Bills Committee on Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021  - Miss Betty MA  CCS(2)1  Tel: 3919 3201	24.3.21	26.3.21				First meeting to be held on 19.4.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
8. Bills Committee on Free-Flow Tolling (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021  - Ms Sophie LAU  CCS(4)2  Tel: 3919 3402	24.3.21	26.3.21				First meeting to be held on 19.4.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk	Date of First Reading of Bill	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Date and number of meetings held	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks
<ul> <li>9. Bills Committee on Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021</li> <li>- Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4</li> <li>Tel: 3919 3104</li> </ul>	24.3.21	26.3.21  Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP	12.4.21			Next meeting to be scheduled.
10. Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3101	24.3.21	26.3.21				First meeting to be held on 20.4.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills Committees reporting to the House Committee on 16.4.21									
Name of Bills Committee Clerk  1. Bills Committee on Mainland Judgments in Matrimonial and Family Cases (Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement) Bill - Mr Lemuel WOO CCS(4)6 Tel: 3919 3406	Date of First Reading of Bill 2.12.20	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 4.12.20  Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held  4 11.1.21 19.1.21 26.2.21 9.3.21	Date of reporting to House Committee 16.4.21	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate 5.5.21	Remarks —			
<ul> <li>2. Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020</li> <li>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	16.12.20	8.1.21  Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP	3 20.1.21 5.2.21 3.3.21	16.4.21	28.4.21	_			
3. 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	16.4.21	28.4.21	_			
4. 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	16.4.21	28.4.21	_			

			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
5. Bills Committee on Road Traffic	24.2.21	26.2.21	1	16.4.21	28.4.21	
(Amendment) Bill 2021			17.3.21			
- Miss Josephine SO		Hon CHAN Hak-kan,				
CCS(2)2		BBS, JP				
Tel: 3919 3202						

List C: 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	28.4.21	_					
2. Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2021	24.3.21	26.3.21	28.4.21	_					
3. Waterworks (Waterworks Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 2021	17.3.21	19.3.21	5.5.21	_					

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 D : Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement									
	Date of formation of	Date and	Date of reporting to						
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	number of meetings held	House Committee	Remarks					
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration	± •	6	28.6.19	-					
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement - Ms Amy YU	Hon WONG Ting-kwong,	20.1.17 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 sub	sidiary legislation/dra	ft subsidiar	ry legislation/ot	ther instruments 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 Subsidiary Legislation	16.10.20	8	Note 2	At the House Committee meeting on
Relating to the Prevention and Control of		2.11.20		26.3.21, Members agreed that the
Disease	Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan,	16.11.20		Subcommittee should continue to operate
- Mr Colin CHUI	SBS, JP	24.11.20		and scrutinize subsidiary legislation in
CCS(4)3	(Chairman)	16.12.20		relation to the prevention and control of
Tel: 3919 3403		12.1.21		disease to be submitted to the Legislative
	Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS	19.1.21		Council in future so as to facilitate the
	(Deputy Chairman)	27.1.21		continuity of work.
		5.3.21		
2. Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution under	12.3.21	1		Pending members' views on the
Section 2(3) of the Buildings Ordinance		30.3.21		Administration's response to the written
(Cap. 123)	Hon CHAN Han-pan,			submission received, the Subcommittee
- Ms Connie HO	BBS, JP			will report to the House Committee in
CCS(1)2				due course.
Tel: 3919 3106				

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 five written reports in respect of these items of subsidiary legislation on 2.12.20, 29.12.20, 20.1.21, 17.2.21 and 17.3.21 respectively.

List F : 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	5		Note 3			
People's Congress on Improving the		26.3.21					
Electoral System of the Hong Kong Special	Hon Martin LIAO	31.3.21					
Administrative Region	Cheung-kong, GBS, JP	1.4.21					
- Ms Joanne MAK	(Chairman)	8.4.21					
CCS(4)7		9.4.21					
Tel: 3919 3203	Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP						
	(Deputy Chairman)						

Note 3: At the House Committee ("HC") meeting on 19.3.21, Members agreed that the Subcommittee be appointed under HC for immediate activation and that a Bills Committee be formed to take over the work of the Subcommittee to scrutinize the relevant bill after its introduction into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") and members of the Subcommittee would become members of the Bills Committee. The Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 was gazetted on 13.4.21 and will be introduced into LegCo at the Council meeting of 14.4.21.

List G: 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 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 Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP	8 (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.	The 12-month period of work of the Subcommittee will expire on 27.4.21. The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel.					
<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 Tel: 3919 3205</li> </ul>	Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH	3 (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 scheduled.					
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 held on 19.4.21 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)	3 (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 26.4.21 to meet with the Administration.					

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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 9.11.20 Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 4  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.	
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.	Next meeting to be held on 27.4.21 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>7. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Stimulation of Hong Kong's Economy under the Panel on Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Mr Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103</li> </ul>	17.11.20  Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Chairman)  Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	4 (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.	Next meeting to be held on 30.4.21 to meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>8. Subcommittee to Study the Setting Up of an Unemployment Assistance System in Hong Kong under the Panel on Manpower</li> <li>- Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Chairman)  Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)	4 (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.	Next meeting to be scheduled.

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)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 4 4 (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	Remarks  Next meeting to be held on 4.6.21 to meet with the Administration and representatives of MTR Corporation Limited.
201.07270.02	Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Deputy Chairman)		<ul> <li>follows:</li> <li>(a) implementation progress of "Railway Development Strategy 2014";</li> <li>(b) overall planning and financing of new railway projects;</li> <li>(c) environmental impact assessment of</li> </ul>	
			new railway projects;  (d) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519);	
			<ul><li>(e) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;</li><li>(f) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects; time table of the implementation;</li></ul>	
			(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)

	Date of formation of	Number of meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	(Date of first meeting) Note 4	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
9. (continued from previous page)	part of the second of the seco		(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.	

	Date of formation of	Number of meetings held		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first	Terms of reference of the	Remarks
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meeting) Note 4	subcommittee	
10. Joint Subcommittee on Issues	18.1.21	2	To study and follow up on the problems	
Relating to Insurance Coverage		(5.2.21)	encountered by the transport sector in	4.5.21 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 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 on the waiting list Note 5				
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 antiepidemic 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 5: 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.