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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 15 June 2021)

Summary	1.	Number of Bills Committees in action	:	4	(see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2.	Number of Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 18.6.21	:	1	(see <u>List B</u> for details)
	3.	Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	11	
	4.	Number of bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate	:	2	(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	:	4	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7.	Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment reporting to the House Committee on 18.6.21	:		(see <u>List F</u> for details)
	8.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	9	(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 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 House of Second meetings of Bill Chairman/Deputy Chairman Reading debate Clerk held Committee Remarks 1. Bills Committee Formed on 14.11.18 16.10.20 Next meeting to be held on 4 16 October 2020 to Study the 3.11.20 25.6.21 to meet with the Administration. Waste Disposal (Charging for Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, 16.11.20 Municipal Solid Waste) SBS, JP 27.1.21 (Amendment) Bill 2018 (Chairman) 25.2.21 - Ms Angel SHEK CCS(1)1 Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, Tel: 3919 3105 BBS (Deputy Chairman) Bills Committee on Smoking 20.2.19 16.10.20 5 Next meeting to be held on (Public Health) (Amendment) 6.11.20 25.6.21 to meet with the Bill 2019 17.11.20 Administration. Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (2020-2021 session) 19.1.21 23.2.21 - Ms Maisie LAM (Chairman) CCS(2)3 30.3.21 Tel: 3919 3205 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming. SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) Bills Committee on Crimes 24.3.21 26.3.21 Next meeting to be held on (Amendment) Bill 2021 19.4.21 28.6.21 to meet with the - Miss Betty MA Hon Elizabeth QUAT, 10.5.21 Administration. CCS(2)1 BBS, JP Tel: 3919 3201 (Chairman) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)

			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
4. Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel: 3919 3403	2.6.21	4.6.21				First meeting to be held on 23.6.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills Committee reporting to the House Committee on 18.6.21							
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 Employment	17.3.21	19.3.21	2	18.6.21	7.7.21	_	
(Amendment) Bill 2021			13.4.21				
- Miss Betty MA		Hon WONG Ting-kwong,	21.5.21				
CCS(2)1		GBS, JP					
Tel: 3919 3201							

List C: Bills 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				
Mercury Control Bill	5.5.21	7.5.21	23.6.21	_				
2. Free-Flow Tolling (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021	24.3.21	26.3.21 4.6.21	23.6.21	_				

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						
	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 sub	sidiary legislation/dra	ft subsidiary	legislation/oth	ner instruments in action
	Date of formation of	Date and		
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	Date to report to	
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	House Committee	Remarks
 Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel: 3919 3403 	Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS (Deputy Chairman)	9 2.11.20 16.11.20 24.11.20 16.12.20 12.1.21 19.1.21 27.1.21 5.3.21 24.5.21	Note 2	_
 2. Subcommittee on Two Proposed Resolutions under Section 3(1) of the Loans Ordinance - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104 	4.6.21			First meeting to be held on 21.6.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
 3. Subcommittee on Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2021 - Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201 	11.6.21			First meeting to be held on 28.6.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
4. Subcommittee on Telecommunications (Registration of SIM Cards) Regulation - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3112	11.6.21			First meeting to be scheduled.

Note 2: The Subcommittee previously provided to the House Committee six written reports covering its deliberations on a total of 51 items of subsidiary legislation, the last of which was issued on 3.6.21.

List F : Subcommittee on Proposed Senior Judicial Appointment reporting to the House Committee on 18.6.21								
	Date of formation of	Date and	Date to report					
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	number of	to House					
Clerk	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	meetings held	Committee	Remarks				
Subcommittee on Proposed Senior	21.5.21	1	18.6.21	_				
Judicial Appointment		7.6.21						
(Formed on 21 May 2021)	Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG							
- Mr Lemuel WOO	Mei-fun, SBS, JP							
CCS(4)6								
Tel: 3919 3406								

	List G : Subcor	nmittees un	der Panels in action	
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 1. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Silver Age Card under the Panel on Welfare Services - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3205	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 11.5.20 Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3 4 (6.1.21)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 28.6.21 to meet with the Administration.
 2. 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	12 (16.12.16)	To study and follow-up on policies and measures relating to animal rights, and to put forward recommendations where necessary.	reactivated its work on
 3. 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)	4 (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 13.7.21 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 4. 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 3 5 (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.	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.
 5. 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)	5 (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.	Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues, the Subcommittee will complete its work and submit a report to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene.
6. 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)	5 (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 28.6.21 to meet with the Administration.
 7. 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)	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.	

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 8. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 20.11.20 Hon CHAN Han-pan,	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3	Terms of reference of the subcommittee To follow up on overall planning of railways (Note 2), and various issues relating to the planning and	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.
- Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402	BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Deputy Chairman)		 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;(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;	(to be continued on next page)

Name of Subcommittee	Date of formation of Subcommittee	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3	Terms of reference of the	Remarks
Name of Subcommittee Clerk 8. (continued from previous page)		meetings held	Terms of reference of the subcommittee (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	Remarks
			the overall planning of railway developments and time table of the implementation.	

		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	
9. Joint Subcommittee on Issues	18.1.21	4	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 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 H : 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.