## 立法會 Legislative Council

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# Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 22 June 2021)

Summary	. Number of Bills Committees in action	:	4	(see List A for details)
	. Number of vacant slots of Bills Committee	:	12	
	. Number of bills pending resumption of Second R	eading debate :	3	(see List B for details)
	. Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and O	perating Expenses Reimbursement :		(see $\underline{\text{List C}}$ for details)
	. Number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislatic other instruments in action	n/draft subsidiary legislation/ :	4	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	9	(see $\underline{\text{List E}}$ for details)
	. Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the	waiting list :	6	(see List F 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 held on 25.6.21 to meet with the Administration.	
<ul> <li>2. Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (2020-2021 session)</li> <li>Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3 Tel : 3919 3205</li> </ul>	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 held on 25.6.21 to meet with the Administration.	
<ul> <li>3. Bills Committee on Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021</li> <li>Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel : 3919 3201</li> </ul>	24.3.21	26.3.21 Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)	2 19.4.21 10.5.21			Next meeting to be held on 28.6.21 to meet with the Administration.	

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

List B : 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			
1. 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	_			
3. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021	17.3.21	19.3.21 18.6.21	7.7.21	—			

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 : Subcommitt	ee on Members' Remur	neration and	<b>Operating</b>	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 subsidiary legislation/draft subsidiary legislation/other 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
<ol> <li>Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease         <ul> <li>Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel : 3919 3403</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	16.10.20 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	
<ul> <li>2. Subcommittee on Two Proposed Resolutions under Section 3(1) of the Loans Ordinance</li> <li>Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel : 3919 3104</li> </ul>	4.6.21 Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding	1 21.6.21		The Chairman of the Subcommittee will make a verbal report to the House Committee on 2.7.21.
<ul> <li>3. Subcommittee on Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2021</li> <li>Miss Betty MA CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201</li> </ul>	11.6.21			First meeting to be held on 28.6.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
<ul> <li>4. Subcommittee on Telecommunications (Registration of SIM Cards) Regulation</li> <li>- Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel : 3919 3112</li> </ul>	11.6.21			First meeting to be held on 29.6.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

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 E : Subcommittees under Panels in action						
Name of Subcommittee <u>Clerk</u> 1. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Silver Age Card under the Panel on Welfare Services - Ms Maisie LAM <u>CCS(2)3</u> 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) <sup>Note 3</sup> 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.			
<ul> <li>2. Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene</li> <li>Miss Connie AU SCS(2)5 Tel: 3919 3213</li> </ul>	8.11.16 Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP	13 (16.12.16)	To study and follow-up on policies and measures relating to animal rights, 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.			
<ul> <li>3. 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)	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	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) <sup>Note 3</sup>	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
<ul> <li>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</li> <li>Ms Connie HO CCS(1)2 Tel : 3919 3106</li> </ul>		5 (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.	Next meeting to be scheduled.
<ul> <li>5. Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Improvement of Environmental Hygiene and Cityscape under the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene</li> <li>Miss Josephine SO CCS(2)2 Tel : 3919 3202</li> </ul>		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.	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in due course.
<ul> <li>6. 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)	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.
<ul> <li>7. 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>		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 held on 25.6.21 to meet with the Administration.

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) <sup>Note 3</sup>	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
<ul> <li>8. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport</li> <li>- Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel : 3919 3402</li> </ul>	20.11.20 Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP (Deputy Chairman)	5 (5.1.21)	<ul> <li>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:</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 new railway projects;</li> <li>(d) resumption of land arising from the implementation of new railway projects;</li> <li>(e) progress update on the implementation of new railway projects;</li> <li>(f) provision of supporting public infrastructure for new railway projects;</li> <li>(g) co-ordination of other public transport services consequent to the commissioning of new railway lines and related matters;</li> <li>(h) performance of existing railway lines including train service performance and safety management;</li> </ul>	Next meeting to be scheduled.

Name of Subcommittee	Date of formation of Subcommittee	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) <sup>Note 3</sup>	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
8. (continued from previous page)	Chairman/Deputy Chairman		<ul> <li>(i) maintenance programme; and</li> <li>(j) train service disruptions 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>	

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) <sup>Note 3</sup>	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
<ul> <li>9. Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector under the Panel on Transport and the Panel on Financial Affairs</li> <li>- Ms Shirley CHAN CCS(4)5 Tel : 3919 3405</li> </ul>		4 (5.2.21)	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 : 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.

I	List F : Subcomr	nittees on policy issues on the waiting	i 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.	

	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 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.