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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 20 July 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	:	3	(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	:	6	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	9	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	6	(see List F for details)

List A: Bills Committees in action							
			Date and	Date of	Expected date		
Da	ate of	Date of formation of Bills	number of	reporting to	for resumption		
Name of Bills Committee Fin	irst Reading	Committee	meetings	House	of Second		
Clerk of	f Bill	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks	
1. Bills Committee Formed on	14.11.18	16.10.20	5			Pending the Administration's	
16 October 2020 to Study the			3.11.20			responses to the issues raised	
Waste Disposal (Charging for		Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming,	16.11.20			by the Legal Adviser to the	
Municipal Solid Waste)		SBS, JP	27.1.21			Bills Committee and the	
(Amendment) Bill 2018		(Chairman)	25.2.21			submissions received from	
- Ms Angel SHEK			25.6.21			the public, the Bills	
CCS(1)1		Hon Steven HO Chun-yin,				Committee will consider the	
Tel: 3919 3105		BBS, JP				need to hold a further	
		(Deputy Chairman)				meeting.	
2. Bills Committee on Smoking	20.2.19	16.10.20	6			Next meeting to be scheduled.	
(Public Health) (Amendment)			6.11.20				
Bill 2019		Hon WONG Ting-kwong,	17.11.20				
(2020-2021 session)		GBS, JP	19.1.21				
- Ms Maisie LAM		(Chairman)	23.2.21				
CCS(2)3			30.3.21				
Tel: 3919 3205		Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming,	25.6.21				
		SBS, JP					
		(Deputy Chairman)					
2 Pills Committee on Crimes	24.2.21	26.2.21	4			Next weather to be sale deltad	
3. Bills Committee on Crimes	24.3.21	26.3.21	4 19.4.21			Next meeting to be scheduled.	
(Amendment) Bill 2021		Han Elizabeth OHAT					
- Miss Betty MA		Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP	10.5.21 28.6.21				
CCS(2)1 Tel: 3919 3201		(Chairman)	28.6.21 16.7.21				
161. 3919 3201		(Chaifhan)	10./.21				
		Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP					
		(Deputy Chairman)					
		(Deputy Chamman)					

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 4. Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Colin CHUI CCS(4)3 Tel: 3919 3403	Date of First Reading of Bill 2.6.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 4.6.21 Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held 2 23.6.21 14.7.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be scheduled.
 5. Bills Committee on Ocean Park Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Ms Shirley CHAN CCS(4)5 Tel: 3919 3405 	23.6.21	25.6.21 Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP	1 12.7.21			Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues on the Bill, the Bills Committee will consider the need to hold a further meeting.
6. Bills Committee on Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3112	7.7.21	9.7.21				First meeting to be held on 21.7.21 to elect the Chairman.
7. Bills Committee on Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Lemuel WOO CCS(4)6 Tel: 3919 3406	14.7.21	16.7.21				First meeting to be held on 23.7.21 to elect the Chairman.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 8. Bills Committee on Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Bill - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3402	Date of First Reading of Bill 14.7.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.7.21	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 20.8.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.
 9. Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3101 	14.7.21	16.7.21				First meeting to be held on 23.7.21 to elect the Chairman.
10. Bills Committee on Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3112	14.7.21	16.7.21				First meeting to be scheduled.
11. Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	14.7.21	16.7.21				First meeting to be held on 4.8.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate Note 1									
Name of Bill 1. Organized and Serious Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021	Date of First Reading of Bill 7.7.21	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered 9.7.21	Council meeting at which Second Reading debate resumed/will be resumed (if known) 18.8.21	Remarks —					
2. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021	7.7.21	9.7.21		At the House Committee meeting on 9.7.21, Members had considered the Bill and noted that the Legal Service Division would make a further report if necessary.					
3. Dangerous Goods (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021	14.7.21	16.7.21		At the House Committee meeting on 16.7.21, Members had considered the Bill and noted that the Legal Service Division would make a further report if necessary.					

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 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 1. Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation The Subcommittee will provide the 16.10.20 10 16.7.21 Relating to the Prevention and Control of 2.11.20 seventh written report in respect of (7th verbal report) Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan. 16.11.20 two items of subsidiary legislation Disease - Mr Colin CHUI SBS, JP 24.11.20 tabled in Council on 23.6.21 (i.e. Note 2 CCS(4)3 (Chairman) 16.12.20 L.N. 102 and L.N. 103) to the Tel: 3919 3403 12.1.21 House Committee in due course. Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS 19.1.21 (Deputy Chairman) 27.1.21 5.3.21 24.5.21 13.7.21 2. Subcommittee on Fire Service (Installations 11.6.21 2 16.7.21 The Subcommittee will provide a and Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2021 2.7.21 (Verbal report) written report to the House Hon Vincent CHENG 9.7.21 - Miss Betty MA Committee in due course. CCS(2)1 Wing-shun, MH, JP Tel: 3919 3201 Subcommittee on Building (Minor Works) 25.6.21 16.7.21 The Subcommittee will provide a 5.7.21 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 and Buildings (Verbal report) written report to the House Ordinance — Resolution of the Legislative Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding Committee in due course. Council (Commencement) Notice - Ms Connie HO CCS(1)2 Tel: 3919 3106

	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
4. Subcommittee on Seven Pieces of Subsidiary	25.6.21	1	16.7.21	The Subcommittee will provide a
Legislation Relating to the Implementation of		5.7.21	(Verbal report)	written report to the House
the New Inspection Regime of the Companies	Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP			Committee in due course.
Register under the Companies Ordinance				
- Mr Boris LAM				
CCS(1)3				
Tel: 3919 3103				
	2.7.21	1		D '
5. Subcommittee on Financial Institutions	2.7.21	13.7.21		Reporting to the House Committee on 13.8.21.
(Resolution) (Contractual Recognition of Suspension of Termination Rights — Banking	Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding	13.7.21		On 13.8.21.
Sector) Rules	Tion Holden CHOW Ho-ding			
- Mr Derek LO				
CCS(1)5				
Tel: 3919 3101				
6. Subcommittee on Peak Tramway (Safety)	16.7.21			The Chairman of the House
(Amendment) Regulation 2018				Committee will move a proposed
(Commencement) Notice				resolution at the Council meeting
- Ms Wendy JAN				of 21.7.21 to extend the period for
CCS(4)1				amending the Commencement
Tel: 3919 3401				Notice to the Council meeting of 1.9.21.
				1.7.21.
				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 E : Subcon	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 5 (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 The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Welfare Services in due course.
 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, SBS, 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.	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in due course.
 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)	5 (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 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, JP	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) 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 held on 6.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
 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.	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in due course.
 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, SBS (Deputy Chairman)	6 (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.	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Commerce and Industry in due course.
 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)	5 (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.	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Manpower in due course.

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.	

	Data of farmation of	Number of		
20.1	Date of formation of	meetings held		D 1
Name of Subcommittee	Subcommittee	(Date of first		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	
Relating to Insurance Coverage		(5.2.21)	encountered by the transport sector in	
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 F : 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.