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Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (as at 31 August 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	:	3	(see <u>List D</u> for details)
	6.	Number of subcommittees under Panels in action	:	7	(see <u>List E</u> for details)
	7.	Number of subcommittees on policy issues on the waiting list	:	6	(see <u>List F</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			
	First Reading	Committee	meetings	House	of Second	D 1		
	of Bill	Chairman/Deputy Chairman	held	Committee	Reading debate	Remarks		
1. Bills Committee on Smoking	20.2.19	16.10.20	6			Next meeting to be scheduled.		
(Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019		Han WONG Tine Issues	6.11.20 17.11.20					
(2020-2021 session)		Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP	17.11.20					
- Ms Maisie LAM		(Chairman)	23.2.21					
CCS(2)3		(Chairman)	30.3.21					
Tel: 3919 3205		Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming,	25.6.21					
101.35153203		SBS, JP	23.0.21					
		(Deputy Chairman)						
2. Bills Committee on Crimes	24.3.21	26.3.21	5	10.9.21	29.9.21	_		
(Amendment) Bill 2021			19.4.21					
- Miss Betty MA		Hon Elizabeth QUAT,	10.5.21					
CCS(2)1		BBS, JP	28.6.21					
Tel: 3919 3201		(Chairman)	16.7.21					
			24.8.21					
		Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP						
		(Deputy Chairman)						
3. Bills Committee on Medical	2.6.21	4.6.21	3			Next meeting to be held on		
Registration (Amendment) Bill		Hon Elizabeth QUAT,	23.6.21			3.9.21 to meet with the		
2021 - Mr Colin CHUI		BBS, JP	14.7.21 18.8.21			Administration.		
CCS(4)3		(Chairman)	18.8.21					
Tel: 3919 3403		(Chairman)						
101. 3717 3403		Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP						
		(Deputy Chairman)						

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 4. Bills Committee on Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Daniel SIN CCS(1)6 Tel: 3919 3112	Date of First Reading of Bill 7.7.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 9.7.21 Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held 2 21.7.21 24.8.21	Date of reporting to House Committee 10.9.21	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate 29.9.21	Remarks —
5. Bills Committee on Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Bill - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3402	14.7.21	16.7.21 Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS, JP	1 20.8.21	10.9.21	29.9.21	
6. Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Derek LO CCS(1)5 Tel: 3919 3101	14.7.21	Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP (Chairman) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)	5 23.7.21 29.7.21 16.8.21 24.8.21 30.8.21			Next meeting to be held on 6.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
7. 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 held on 7.9.21 to elect the Chairman and meet with the Administration.

Name of Bills Committee Clerk 8. Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Mr Boris LAM CCS(1)3 Tel: 3919 3103	Date of First Reading of Bill 14.7.21	Date of formation of Bills Committee Chairman/Deputy Chairman 16.7.21 Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP	Date and number of meetings held 2 4.8.21 23.8.21	Date of reporting to House Committee	Expected date for resumption of Second Reading debate	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 3.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
 9. Bills Committee on Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Ms Angel WONG CCS(4)4 Tel: 3919 3404 	21.7.21	23.7.21 Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)	3 6.8.21 13.8.21 25.8.21	10.9.21	29.9.21	
10. Bills Committee on Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Ms Connie SZETO CCS(1)4 Tel: 3919 3104	21.7.21	23.7.21 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP	2 12.8.21 31.8.21			Next meeting to be held on 7.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
11. Bills Committee on National Flag and National Emblem (Amendment) Bill 2021 - Ms Joanne MAK CCS(4)7 Tel: 3919 3203	18.8.21	20.8.21 Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP	1 27.8.21			Next meeting to be held on 3.9.21 to meet with the Administration.

List B: Bills pending resumption of Second Reading debate Note 1							
Name of Bill 1. Dangerous Goods (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021	Date of First Reading of Bill 14.7.21	Date of House Committee meeting(s) at which the Bill was considered 16.7.21	Council meeting at which Second Reading debate resumed/will be resumed (if known) 15.9.21	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.			

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 formation of	Date and	Date of 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 subsid	liary legisla	tion/other 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, SBS (Deputy Chairman)	Date and number of meetings held 10 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 13.7.21	Date to report to House Committee Note 2	Remarks Next meeting to be held on 15.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
 2. Subcommittee on Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 5) Notice 2021 - Ms Maisie LAM CCS(2)3 Tel: 3919 3205 	23.7.21 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP	1 12.8.21		Next meeting to be held on 6.9.21 to meet with the Administration.
3. Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2021 - Ms Wendy JAN CCS(4)1 Tel: 3919 3401	20.8.21 Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP	1 30.8.21		The Chairman of the Subcommittee has given notice to move a proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 8.9.21 to extend the period for amending the Amendment Regulation to the Council meeting of 6.10.21. Pending the Administration's written response to outstanding issues and the written submissions to be received (if any), the Subcommittee will report to the House Committee in due course.

Note 2: The Subcommittee previously provided to the House Committee seven written reports covering its deliberations on a total of 53 items of subsidiary legislation, the last of which was issued on 9.8.21.

List E : Subcommittees under Panels in action								
Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3		Remarks				
 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	5 (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.	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	ng and Han Vincent CHENC Wing shop		To study and follow up measures relating to transitional housing and subdivided units and make recommendations.	Next meeting to be scheduled.				
 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 	9.11.20 Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP	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 held on 6.9.21 to meet with the Administration.				

Name of Subcommittee Clerk 5. 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	Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Chairman) Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS (Deputy Chairman)	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3 6 (22.12.20)	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	Remarks The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Commerce and Industry in due course.
 6. Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways under the Panel on Transport - Ms Sophie LAU CCS(4)2 Tel: 3919 3402 		5 (5.1.21)	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; (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;	The Subcommittee will submit a report to the Panel on Transport in due course. (to be continued on next page)

Name of Subcommittee Clerk	Date of formation of Subcommittee Chairman/Deputy Chairman	Number of meetings held (Date of first meeting) Note 3	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
6. (continued from previous page)			(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;	
			(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 3	subcommittee	
7. Joint Subcommittee on Issues	18.1.21	4	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	
for the Transport Sector under the	0.		procuring insurance, and to make	Administration.
Panel on Transport and the Panel	SBS, JP		recommendations to tackle such	
on Financial Affairs			problems 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 1. Subcommittee on Epidemic Prevention and Control under the House Committee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee 30.10.20	Terms of reference of the subcommittee 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.	Remarks 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.						

Name of Subcommittee	Date of appointment of Subcommittee	Terms of reference of the subcommittee	Remarks
4. Subcommittee on Labo Exploitation, Illicit Activities I Employment Agencies, as Human Trafficking under the Panel on Security	y d	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 Parking And-Ride Schemes under the Panel on Transport	ζ-	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 Ne Directions for Economic as Employment Development und the House Committee	d	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 reindustrialization, 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.