

Terms and Definitions

Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs

Civil servants	Civil servants refer to persons who are employed on civil service terms of appointment on the survey reference date. Judges and judicial officers, Independent Commission Against Corruption officers, locally engaged staff working in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices outside Hong Kong, and other government employees like Non-Civil Service Contract staff are excluded. However, prior to the statistical month of June 1999, judges and judicial officers in the Judiciary were included in the coverage of civil servants.
Public sector advisory and statutory bodies	Public sector advisory and statutory bodies are bodies which provide advice on government policies, deliver public services, perform statutory functions and deal with appeals against Government decisions.