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Consultation Conclusions on Enhancements to the Deposit Protection Scheme

Press Conference

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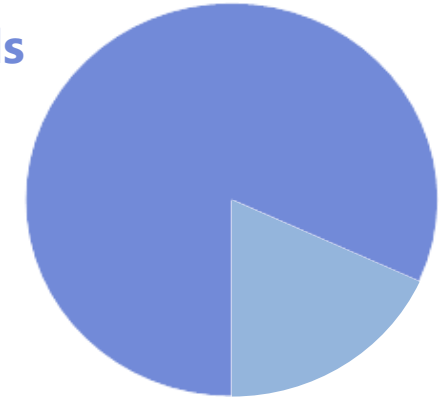
Overview of Public Consultation & Public Opinion Survey

Public Consultation
(13 Jul – 12 Oct 2023)



Individuals (27)

Received 33 written submissions

Professional bodies / organisations (6)

- Consumer protection organisation
- Banking industry
- Relevant professional bodies

Public Opinion Survey
(20 Jul – 30 Aug 2023)

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Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Interviewed around 1,000 residents aged 18 or above with banks accounts in HK

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Overview of Public Consultation & Public Opinion Survey: Protection Limit

Support raising the protection limit to HK$800,000

- ~80% of survey respondents
- Larger portion of written submissions from individuals
- Consumer protection organisation
- Relevant professional bodies
- Some banks

Suggest raising the protection limit to HK$1 million

- A small number of survey respondents / written submissions
- Some banks

Suggest unlimited protection or a lower protection limit (e.g. HK$750,000)

- A small number of written submissions

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Consultation Conclusions: Protection Limit

More than sufficient to offset cumulative inflation over time, with 20% increase in real value of protection

Protection limit will be higher than many other Asian economies, and comparable to European economies

Majority of depositors (> 92%) will enjoy full deposit coverage, in line with international standards

Only require a moderate 30% growth in the DPS Fund, minimising the likelihood of banks passing on such costs to customers

Protection limit	United States	Germany	United Kingdom	Hong Kong	Canada	Japan	Mainland China	Singapore	Malaysia	South Korea
In USD terms	250,000	110,376	108,190	102,420	75,451	70,874	70,170	56,833	54,390	38,599
HK$ equivalent	1,952,750	862,150	845,070	800,000	589,350	553,600	548,100	443,925	424,838	301,500

Note: Based on exchange rates as at end-December 2023.

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Other Enhancement Measures

Levy System	**Charge the build-up levy again until the DPS Fund reaches new target fund size**	✓
Deposit Protection Arrangements in the Event of a Bank Merger*	**Provide temporary enhanced protection to depositors affected by a bank merger for 6 months starting from the date of merger**	✓
	Require banks to display DPS membership sign on their digital platforms; Streamline negative disclosure requirements for private banking customers	✓

*** Refinements have been made to certain implementation details in response to banks' comments**

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Next Steps

- Work with the Government on an amendment bill

- Introduce the amendment bill into Legislative Council in next few months
- Strive to implement new protection limit of HK$800,000 within this year
- Implement other enhancement measures in phases by early 2025

- Plan to conduct the next review 3 years after the HK$800,000 limit is put into effect, with the aim of completing the review exercise in the following year