














1. Composition of the Committee:

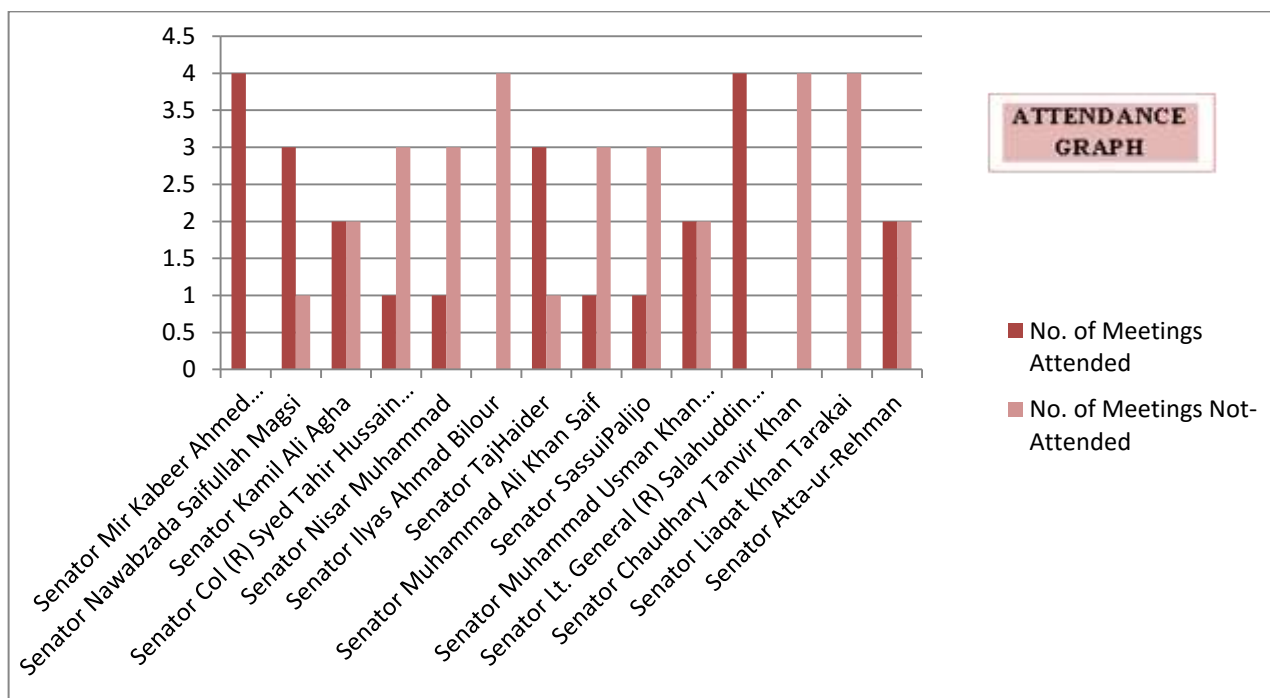
1	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Chairman	
2	Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi	Member	
3	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member	
4	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member	
5	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member	
6	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member	
7	Senator Taj Haider	Member	
8	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member	
9	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member	
10	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member	
11	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member	
12	Senator Maulana Atta Ur Rehman	Member	
13	Senator Saassui Palijo	Member	
14	Senator Lt. Gen ® Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member	
15	Ms. Rabeea Anwar, J.S., Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee	

2. Sittings of the Committee:

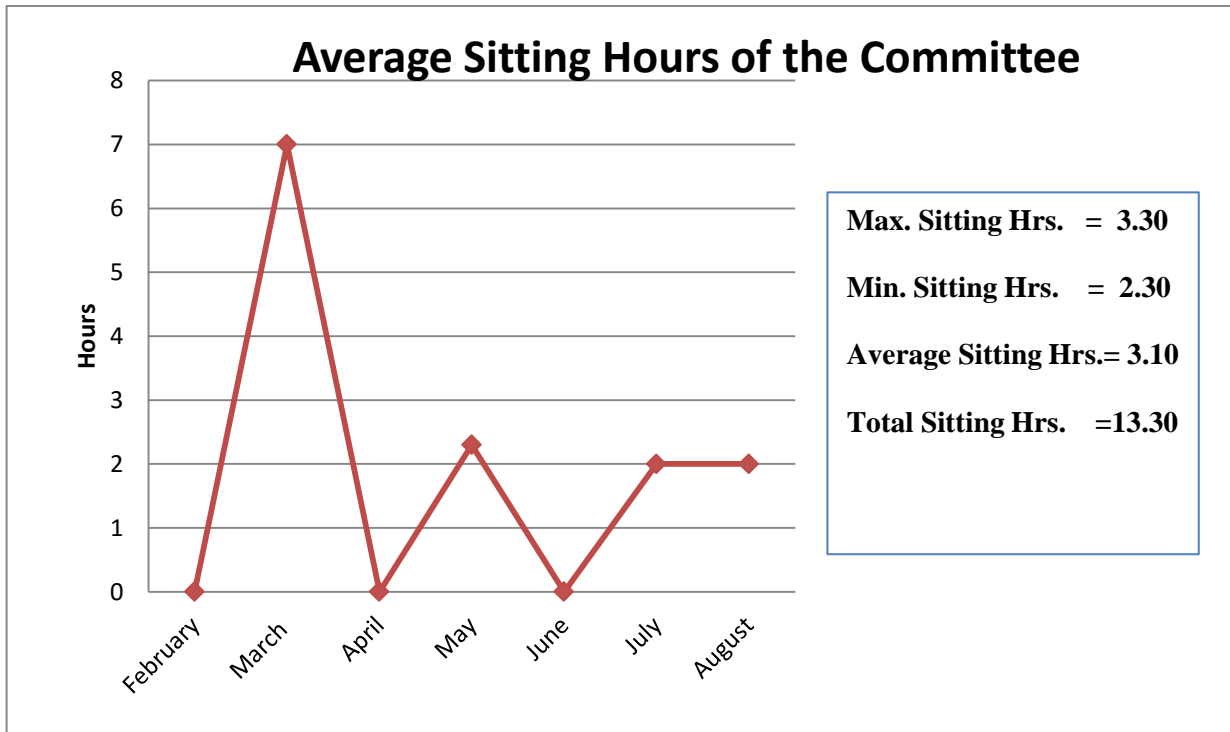
<u>February</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(02 Sittings)</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(01 Sitting)</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(02 Sittings)</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(01 Sitting)</u>
Nil	1) 30-03-2017 2) 31-03-2017	Nil	1) 25-05-2017	Nil	1) 06-07-2017 2) 27-07-2017	1) 24-08-2017
Total number of meetings held during the period = 06						

3. Attendance of the Chairman/Members in (06) meetings held during the period:

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Not-Attended	Number of Meetings in which leave was sought
1.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	06	00	-
2.	Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi	05	01	-
3.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	02	04	-
4.	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	01	05	01
5.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	02	04	-
6.	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	00	06	-
7.	Senator Taj Haider	05	01	-
8.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	01	05	-
9.	Senator SassuiPalijo	03	03	-
10.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	04	02	02
11.	Senator Lt. General (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	05	01	-
12.	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	01	05	01
13.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	00	06	03
14.	Senator Atta-ur-Rehman	04	02	-



4. **Sitting hours of the Committee:**



5. **Visits of the Committee during the Period:**

Sl. No.	Place of Visit	Purpose of Visit [Public Hearing/ Study/ Progress]	Dates of Visit
No visit was conducted by the Committee during the period.			

6. **Matters referred by the House or the Chairman (including pending issues):**

Sl. No.	Referred Matters	Referred Date
No matter was referred by the House or the Chairman during the period.		

7. **Public Petitions Referred and Disposed:**

Sl. No.	Number/ Subject of Public Petition	Date of Referral	Status of Petition	
			Disposed	Pending/ under Consideration
No Public Petition was referred to the Committee during the period.				

8. **Agenda items of the Meetings:**

1) Meeting held on 30-03-2017:

- i. Briefing by the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, regarding the Devolution process pursuant to the 18th Constitutional Amendment, including,-
 - a) Status of devolved subjects.
 - b) Observations, issues and objections, if any, regarding the devolution process.
 - c) Proposals for ensuring that the devolution scheme as envisaged in the 18th Constitutional Amendment is implemented in letter and spirit.

2) Meeting held on 31-03-2017:

- i. Briefing by the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, alongwith Secretaries of Departments/ Divisions regarding,-
 - a) Mechanism for Joint Ownership on Oil and Natural Gas, as provided in view of Article 172(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.
 - b) Retention of Employee Old-Age Benefit Institution (EOBI), Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) and Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) at the federal level.
 - c) Retention of vertical programmes, like National Programmes on Malaria, TB, AIDS, EPI, etc., at Federal level.
 - d) Proposals to enhance the role and effectiveness of the Council of Common Interests (CCI).

3) Meeting held on 25-05-2017:

- i. Implementation status of recommendations of the Committee dated 9-2-2017 on Public Petition regarding “non-regularization and non-provision of salaries of the employees of Workers Welfare Board, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa”.
- ii. Amendments to be made in the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002, in the wake of Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment.
- iii. Consideration of matter raised by Senator Osman Saifullah Khan vide letter dated 28th March, 2017, regarding “difficulties being faced by the EOBI pensioners in receiving their pension due to disbursement through only one bank namely,- Bank Alfalah, which has limited branches in the country”.

4) Meeting held on 06-07-2017:

- i. Consideration of reply, received from Cabinet Division, on the Report of the Committee adopted by the House on 16-02-2017 regarding placement of Regulatory Authorities under the line Ministries.
- ii. Briefing by Secretary Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination regarding status of Inter-Provincial Coordination Committee (IPCC), along with the following details:-

- a. Number of meetings held pursuant to the 18th Constitutional Amendment.
- b. Decisions taken in the said meetings.
- c. Mechanism to implement the decisions of IPCC.

5) **Meeting held on 27-07-2017:**

- i. “Implementation of 18th” constitutional Amendment”

6) **Meeting held on 24-08-2017:**

- i. Amendments to be made in the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002, in the wake of Eighteen Constitutional Amendment.
- ii. Status of vertical programmes retained at the Federal level alongwith details of programme wise financial disbursements made to the provinces till date.

9. **Important Recommendations of the Committee:**

1) **Meeting held on 30 & 31 -03-2017:**

- i. Provincial consultations to continue
- ii. On the request government of Punjab, a meeting to be held in Islamabad with all the stakeholders and provinces to resolve the issue of non-devolution of EOBI and WWF.
- iii. Mechanism for joint ownership to be evolved in consultation with the provincial governments.
- iv. Forum of IPCC to be made operational.
- v. Senate of Pakistan to act as a forum for resolution of grievances of the Provinces in the implementation of 18th Constitutional amendment.

2) **Meeting held on 25-05-2017:**

- i. The committee took serious note of mishandling of such intricate issues involving the lives and families of the poor workers and decided to write a letter to your good-self to play an effective role in the following terms:-
- ii. The Workers Welfare Board shall be made operational on immediate basis.
- iii. The Labour Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall expedite the regularization of 1774 employees, who have been recommended by the Committee for regularization.
- iv. Remaining cases of 663 employees shall be looked into on compassionate grounds.
- v. The Workers should not suffer due to procedural and technical issues, therefore, the Provincial Government may explore the possibility of bridge financing for immediate Resolution of financial hardships of workers.

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- vi. The committee appreciated the mechanism adopted for payment of pension and decided to write a letter to the state bank of Pakistan for waiver of deduction of Rs. 17/-, in line with the facility provided to the BISP beneficiaries.

3) Meeting held on 27-07-2017:

This gathering of Parliamentarians, Academia, Civil Society Organizations, Journalists and Intellectuals, meeting on the invitation of the Senate's Function Committee on Devolution, do declare as under:-

- i. That democracy and a true federal system is the only panacea for survival of Pakistan and the Constitution of Pakistan is guarantor in this regard which also provides for a mechanism to protect the rights of provinces.
- ii. That the Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment reaffirms the principles of democratic, parliamentary and federal structure. It widened the concepts of participatory federalism, joint ownership of natural resources, collective management and supervision of items in Federal Legislative List Part-II, Constitution, 1973, and dispute resolution.
- iii. That the Federal and Provincial Governments shall take every possible step to ensure that the 18th Constitutional Amendment is implemented in letter and spirit.
- iv. That the Council of Common Interest (CCI) was given a new role under the 18th Constitutional amendment to provide the center and provinces a forum to take consensus decisions on conflicting issues; this forum shall be effectively utilized to address the issues being faced by the Provinces regarding the implementation of devolution scheme.
- v. That attempts to bypass and undermine the jurisdiction and powers of CCI shall be stopped forthwith.
- vi. That the Federal Government shall assume its role and responsibility by establishing an independent permanent Secretariat of CCI on priority.
- vii. That placement of regulatory authorities under the line ministries is a violation of the Constitution; therefore, regulatory authorities established under part-II of Federal Legislative list shall be placed under the CCI.
- viii. That 'Devolution' shall be a permanent agenda item of every meeting of CCI.
- ix. That the forum of IPCC shall meet more often and more suchlike forms shall be established to create better linkages with the Provinces.
- x. That the true benefits of the paradigm shift, by giving more provincial autonomy, brought in by the 18th amendment are yet to be reaped, therefore, political, administrative and financial responsibility and authority should be devolved to the elected representatives of the Local Governments in letter and spirit to ensure the true spirit of federalism.
- xi. That the Eighth NFC award shall be announced on priority basis after incorporating measures that would make devolution more meaningful in raising the living standards of the common citizens.
- xii. That Senate, House of the Federation, being protector and representative of the rights of the federating units, shall ensure that the 18th Constitutional Amendment is implemented in letter and spirit and shall act as a forum to resolve the issues being faced in its implementation.
- xiii. That there shall be active interaction and linkages between the Senate's Functional Committee on Devolution and Provincial Governments as well as corresponding

Committees of the Provincial Legislatures to rectify issues being faced in the implementation of scheme of Devolution as provided in the Constitution.

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10. Sub-Committee Meetings:

Sl. No.	Details of Sub-Committee / Meetings held during the period	
1.	Date of Formation of the Sub-Committee with Composition:	-
2.	TORs /Agenda of the Sub-Committee:	-
3.	Dates of Meetings held:	-
4.	Attendance of the Members:	-
5.	Important Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee:	-
6.	Date of completion of tenure of the Sub-Committee:	-
7.	Date of Submission of report to the Standing Committee:	-
8.	Report of the Sub-Committee, if presented, in the House as Special Report of the main Committee (if so, the date of presentation.	-

11. Recommendations of the Committee requiring statement by the Minister in the House under rule 265(A) of the RPCBS, 2012:

Sl. No.	Name of the Report	Recommendations	Reported Date
		Nil	

12. Reports tabled in the House:

Sl. No.	Reported Matters	Reported Date
	No report was tabled in the House during the period.	

13. Reports adopted by the House:

Sl. No.	Adopted Matters	Adopted Date
	No report was adopted by the House during the period.	