

Updated List of Government Bills to be introduced into Legislative Council
(Position as at mid-March 2001)

This document sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remaining months of the current legislative session. The Programme may need to be adjusted in the light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Purpose of Legislation</i>	<i>Responsible Bureau/Department</i>
1. Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend related ordinances to provide for open civil proceedings and publishing of information about civil proceedings.	Administration Wing
2. Court of Final Appeal (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a leapfrog procedure to enable certain civil appeals to be made to the Court of Final Appeal directly from the Court of First Instance.	Administration Wing
3. The Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill	To allow the Ombudsman to keep and invest surplus funds and hold property for office accommodation use.	Administration Wing
4. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To deal with minor, technical amendments to various Ordinances.	Department of Justice
5. Import and Export (Amendment) Bill	To provide the legal basis for the compulsory use of Electronic Data Interchange in the lodgement of cargo manifests.	Commerce and Industry Bureau
6. Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill	To fulfill the international obligation of the Central People's Government under the Chemical Weapons Convention.	Commerce and Industry Bureau

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7. Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a regulatory regime for inbound travel agents.	Economic Services Bureau
8. Bill on civil liability for unsafe products	To enact an ordinance to provide explicit civil liability protection against unsafe products for consumers.	Economic Services Bureau
9. Employees Compensation Assistance (Amendment) Bill	To reform the Employees Compensation Assistance Scheme with a view to restoring its long-term financial viability.	Education and Manpower Bureau
10. Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill	To remove the ambiguities regarding the charging of fees for the issue or endorsement of “certificate of competency”.	Education and Manpower Bureau
11. Post Secondary Colleges (Amendment) Bill	To provide legal backing for approved post secondary colleges with proven quality to offer degree programmes.	Education and Manpower Bureau
12. Education (Amendment) Bill	To provide for implementation of school-based management.	Education and Manpower Bureau
13. Employment (Amendment) Bill	To amend the reinstatement provisions to the effect that the Labour Tribunal may order reinstatement/re-engagement without securing the consent of the employer if the employee is found to be unreasonably and unlawfully dismissed.	Education and Manpower Bureau
14. Noise Control (Amendment) Bill	To provide a stronger deterrent effect to abate noise nuisances.	Environment and Food Bureau

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15. Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen control on movement of hazardous waste, and to establish a legal framework for the introduction of the clinical waste control scheme.	Environment and Food Bureau
16. Sewage Services (Amendment) Bill	To improve the existing procedures for applying for reassessment of strength of effluent.	Environment and Food Bureau
17. Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) Bill	To legalise the transfer of marine fish culture licences to help facilitate the development of the industry.	Environment and Food Bureau
18. Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Amendment) Bill	To improve the protection for animals, especially food animals, in Hong Kong from animal diseases.	Environment and Food Bureau
19. Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To rationalise the anomalies in the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance.	Finance Bureau
20. Banking (Amendment) Bill	To improve the operation of the Banking Ordinance in relation to advertisements published over the Internet to solicit deposits and in the light of other recent market developments.	Financial Services Bureau
21. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	To clarify and amplify certain provisions in the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Schemes Ordinance and MPF Schemes (General) Regulation so as to further facilitate the compliance with and enforcement of the MPF legislation.	Financial Services Bureau

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22. Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill	To introduce a statutory corporate rescue procedure in Hong Kong and to impose a liability for insolvent trading on directors and senior management of a company.	Financial Services Bureau
23. Companies (Amendment) Bill	To implement the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform's Phase I recommendations on amendments to the Companies Ordinance and the Law Reform Commission's proposals for technical amendments to the winding-up provisions in the Companies Ordinance.	Financial Services Bureau
24. Medical and Health Care (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	To streamline the operation and provide more flexibility for the regulatory systems for health care professionals and products.	Health and Welfare Bureau
25. Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill	To streamline the structure of the Ordinance so as to facilitate the operation of the Human Organ Transplant Board.	Health and Welfare Bureau
26. Attachment of Income Order (Amendment) Bill [formerly known as Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Bill]	To relax the circumstances in which the court may make an attachment of income order.	Home Affairs Bureau

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27. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill	To simplify tenancy renewal procedures, increase penalties for harassment and unlawful evictions, shorten the forfeiture relief period to a minimum of seven days, streamline the default judgement procedures in the Lands Tribunal and enhance compensation for tenants/sub-tenants of premises repossessed by the landlord on the ground of intention to rebuild.	Housing Bureau
28. Sales Descriptions of Uncompleted Residential Properties Bill	To enhance the accuracy, uniformity and transparency of information provided in sales brochures and advertisements relating to the public sale of local uncompleted residential properties so as to strengthen consumer protection.	Housing Bureau
29. Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles (Amendment) Bill	To implement the proposals arising from the 2000 Review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance.	Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau
30. Survey and Mapping Corporation Bill	To establish a public corporation to provide survey and mapping services.	Planning and Lands Bureau
31. Prevention of Child Pornography Bill	To better protect children by criminalising the possession, production, advertising and distribution of child pornography, and also the employment of children for making child pornography.	Security Bureau

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32. Crimes (Amendment) Bill	To prohibit advertising child sex tours and to make provisions for the extra-territorial effect of certain sexual offences towards children.	Security Bureau
33. Massage Establishments (Amendment) Bill	To narrow the scope of application of the Ordinance to those establishments offering full-body massage to the opposite sex and to improve the licensing scheme.	Security Bureau
34. Fire Services (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the enforcement powers on abatement of fire hazards, increase the penalties and update various provisions so as to better protect the public from the risk of fire.	Security Bureau
35. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To provide the legislative framework for the introduction of a Driver Improvement Scheme, which would enable participants to reduce driving offence points through satisfactory completion of the course.	Transport Bureau