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**Government's Legislative Programme
for 2002 – 2003**

I enclose, at Annex, an indicative list of bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the current legislative session. Brief descriptions of these bills are also included in the enclosed list for Members' reference.

You would appreciate that we cannot be more specific at this stage regarding the details of these bills and the timing for their introduction into LegCo since, amongst other things, they are subject to the Executive Council's approval. We shall inform Members of the First Reading dates and other details as soon as we are in a position to do so.

While we would make every effort to adhere to the Legislative Programme, the enclosed list may need to be adjusted in the course of the legislative session. There could be cases where the Administration needs to introduce bills not on the enclosed list due to unforeseen circumstances, or instances where bills on the list might not be introduced under the current estimated timeframe. We will, as in the past, update the Legislative Programme in light of major changes.

I hope this indicative list would be useful to Members for planning their legislative work.

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List of Government Bills to be introduced into the Legislative Council

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

	Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
1.	Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish a standing committee to review and monitor the development of legal education and training in Hong Kong;• To make miscellaneous amendments to the Legal Practitioners Ordinance;• To facilitate proof of due execution of document by corporations in conveyancing transactions;• To empower magistrates to award costs to defendants when applications by the prosecution for review of magistrates' decisions are dismissed.	DoJ
2.	Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To bring the Electronic Transactions Ordinance up-to-date to facilitate further development of e-business in Hong Kong.	CITB
3.	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To make permanent the main effect of the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001.	CITB
4.	Transshipment Cargo (Facilitation) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To remove/simplify the import/export licensing requirements currently imposed on certain transshipment cargoes.	CITB

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5.	Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce civil liability against fraudulent reception of subscription television programme; and • To introduce both civil remedy and criminal sanction against the possession of unauthorised decoders for commercial purposes. 	CITB
6.	Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the number of elected seats for three District Councils and to adjust the cycle for the publication of electoral registers. 	CAB
7.	Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make necessary statutory changes for the third term LegCo elections in 2004. 	CAB
8.	Tung Chung Cable Car Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for a legal framework for the grant of a franchise for the Tung Chung Cable Car System and related matters. 	EDLB
9.	Miscellaneous Amendment (Local Vessels) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make amendments consequential to the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance in 1999. 	EDLB
10.	Education Reorganisation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To transfer the functions of the Director of Education, the Education Department and related bodies. 	EMB

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11.	Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the extension of the construction industry levy to cover electrical and mechanical works and related matters. 	EMB
12.	Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To upgrade teacher qualifications, enhance the teacher to pupil ratio in kindergartens and rationalise the composition and operation of the Appeals Board. 	EMB
13.	Education (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement school-based management in aided schools. 	EMB
14.	Foreshore, Sea-bed and Roads (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To shorten the statutory period for raising and resolving objections under two existing ordinances. 	ETWB
15.	Construction Workers Registration Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the registration of construction workers and other related matters. 	ETWB
16.	Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce legislative controls on the collection and disposal of clinical waste to protect public health; To tighten up control on the import of non-hazardous waste into Hong Kong for disposal; and To introduce a legal ban on the import of hazardous waste into or through Hong Kong in accordance with the Basel Convention. 	ETWB

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17.	Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To impose a Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax on persons departing from Hong Kong by land and sea. 	FSTB
18.	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce an alternative option for stamping chargeable instruments through electronic means, without presentation of the original instruments. 	FSTB
19.	Deposit Protection Scheme Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the establishment of a Deposit Protection Scheme. 	FSTB
20.	Companies (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement certain recommendations arising from Phase I of the Corporate Governance Review, improve the registration regime for overseas companies, allow electronic incorporation of companies, and update and streamline the prospectus regime. 	FSTB
21.	Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable cheques to be presented at clearing other than by physical presentment. 	FSTB
22.	Adoption (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the adoption arrangements. 	HWFB

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23.	Village Representative Election Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the establishment of the office of Indigenous Inhabitant Representative and the office of Resident Representative as well as for the election of these Representatives. 	HAB
24.	Sex and Family Status Discrimination (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clarify the existing provisions under the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance. 	HAB
25.	Building Management (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the legislative framework on private building management. 	HAB
26.	Buildings (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To rationalise the building control regime and to provide for other related matters. 	HPLB
27.	Town Planning (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To streamline and speed up the planning process and to enhance community participation in the planning system. 	HPLB
28.	Housing (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable SHPL to become the Chairman of the Housing Authority. 	HPLB
29.	Land Titles Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the title registration system for land in Hong Kong. 	HPLB
30.	A Bill to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement Article 23 of the Basic Law 	SB

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31.	A Bill to cater for the implementation of co-location of immigration and customs facilities on the Shenzhen side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clearly define the designated management area to be managed by the HSKAR; and • To extend HKSAR laws to the designated management area. 	SB
32.	Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the credibility of the existing police complaints system by making the IPCC a statutory body. 	SB
33.	United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give effect to relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism as requested under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373. 	SB