

Updated Legislative Programme 2004-05

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the second half of the 2004-05 legislative session. This Programme may need to be adjusted in light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

	Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
1.	Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make minor and technical amendments in order to update and improve the laws. 	DoJ
2.	Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring our regulatory framework governing carriage by air in line with international standards by applying an international convention to the HKSAR. 	EDLB
3.	Certification for Employee Benefits (Chinese Medicine) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recognize certification by a registered Chinese medicine practitioner for the purpose of entitlement to certain employee benefits under the Employment Ordinance, the Employees' Compensation Ordinance and the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance and to provide for related matters. 	EDLB
4.	Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To release certain aircraft owners from strict liability. 	EDLB
5.	Employment (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide that where an employee who has been unreasonably and unlawfully dismissed makes a claim for reinstatement/ re-engagement order, the Labour Tribunal may make such an order without the need to secure the consent of the employer. 	EDLB

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6.	Local Vessels (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To make consequential amendments to primary and subsidiary legislation affected by the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance and the subsidiary legislation made under it.	EDLB
7.	Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To empower the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation to perform the quality assurance role underpinning the qualifications framework.	EMB
8.	Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To extend control over trade in medicine made from endangered species so as to fully meet the requirements of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which has been extended to Hong Kong, and to simplify the existing provisions to facilitate compliance and enforcement.	ETWB
9.	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To introduce a Probationary Driving Licence Scheme to new drivers of private cars and light goods vehicles and to impose on them a speed limit and other driving restrictions.	ETWB
10.	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 disposal of imported non-hazardous waste in Hong Kong; and to introduce a legal ban on the import of hazardous waste from developed countries into or through Hong Kong in accordance with the Basel Convention.	ETWB

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11.	Banking (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement the New Capital Framework issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and to improve the working of the Banking Ordinance in the light of experience.	FSTB
12.	Companies (Amendment) Bill 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enable securities to be issued and transferred electronically.	FSTB
13.	Independent Investigation Board and Financial Reporting Review Panel Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the regulation of the auditing profession by establishing an Independent Investigation Board to investigate alleged accounting, auditing and ethics irregularities• To establish a Financial Reporting Review Panel to investigate financial statements of companies and enforce any necessary changes to financial statements.	FSTB
14.	Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement the provision of profits tax exemption for offshore funds.	FSTB
15.	Revenue Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement the personalised vehicle registration marks scheme.	FSTB
16.	Securities and Futures (Amendment) (No. 1) Bill 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the governance of the Securities and Futures Commission by splitting the post of the Chairman into a Chairman post and a Chief Executive Officer post.	FSTB
17.	Securities and Futures (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the quality of the equity market by giving statutory backing to major requirements for listing, and to make miscellaneous amendments to keep up with market developments.	FSTB

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18.	Building Management (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To improve the conditions for owners' corporations in their performance of duties and exercise of powers• To rationalize the appointment procedures of a management committee and its members• To afford better protection for property owners.	HAB
19.	Race Discrimination Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To prohibit racial discrimination in Hong Kong.	HAB
20.	Child Care Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement the harmonization proposals in respect of pre-primary services.	HWFB
21.	Dentist Registration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide for the establishment of a Specialist Register for dentists qualified in various specialist fields of dentistry with a view to formalizing the granting of specialist title by the Dental Council of Hong Kong.	HWFB
22.	Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To regulate Hong Kong's fishing efforts in order to promote sustainable development of the fishing industry and to conserve fisheries resources in Hong Kong waters.	HWFB
23.	Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To deal with the problem of mosquito breeding more effectively.	HWFB
24.	Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To tighten control over the use and promotion of tobacco products in Hong Kong with a view to protecting public health.	HWFB

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25.	Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To strengthen the control over unruly passenger offences committed on board Hong Kong-registered civil aircraft, and to extend Hong Kong's jurisdiction over unruly passenger offences committed on board foreign aircraft outside Hong Kong while they are coming to land at Hong Kong.	SB
26.	Hong Kong Management Areas Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enable certain areas in China that are outside Hong Kong to be declared as Hong Kong Management Areas (HKMA), apply the laws of Hong Kong in HKMA, assist the construction of certain documents made subsequent to the declaration of any HKMA, and provide for related purposes.	SB
27.	Immigration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide for the conducting of immigration examination, the granting of permission to land and imposition of limit/ condition of stay through automated means.	SB
28.	Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the credibility of the existing police complaints system by making the Independent Police Complaints Council a statutory body and specifying its composition, functions and powers in law.	SB
29.	Marriage (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To allow appointment of civil celebrants to celebrate marriages and to provide for other incidental and connected matters.	SB