

## Legislative Programme 2005-06

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2005-06 legislative session. This Programme may need to be adjusted in light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose of Legislation</b>	<b>Responsible Bureau</b>
1.	Prevention of Bribery (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To apply certain bribery prevention provisions to the Chief Executive</li> </ul>	Adm Wing
2.	Chief Executive Election (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To amend the Chief Executive Election Ordinance with a view to providing for changes, at domestic legislation level, to the method for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007</li> </ul>	CAB
3.	Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To incorporate various copyright-related proposals into the Copyright Ordinance. These proposals relate to, inter alia, business end-user criminal liability, copyright exemption regime, anti-circumvention of technological measures for copyright protection, parallel importation of copyright works, and rental rights for films and comic books</li> </ul>	CITB
4.	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clarify the transitional provisions of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) concerning the grounds for revocation of trade marks registered under the repealed Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 43) and the recording of assignments of trade mark applications filed under Cap. 43 but still pending upon the commencement of Cap. 559</li> </ul>	CITB
5.	Unsolicited Electronic Messages Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To regulate the sending of unsolicited electronic messages in Hong Kong</li> </ul>	CITB

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6. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 376 1197 846">• To provide that where an employee who has been unreasonably and unlawfully dismissed makes a claim for reinstatement/re-engagement, the Labour Tribunal may make such an order without the need to secure the consent of the employer. If such an order is made and the employer subsequently fails to comply, the employee may be awarded an additional compensation of up to \$50,000</li><li data-bbox="635 898 1197 965">• To clarify the effects of a re-engagement order on the employer</li></ul>	EDLB
7. Employment (Increase in Penalty for Offences under Section 63C) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 1016 1197 1205">• To increase the maximum penalty for the offences under section 63C of the Employment Ordinance to a fine of \$350,000 and imprisonment for three years</li></ul>	EDLB
8. Freight Container (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 1249 1197 1438">• To enable the implementation of the International Convention for Safe Containers in Hong Kong, which enhances safety in the handling and transportation of containers</li></ul>	EDLB
9. Hong Kong International Airport Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 1489 1197 1677">• To set out the future regulatory mechanism and the corresponding changes in the rights and obligations of the Airport Authority upon its privatization</li></ul>	EDLB
10. A Bill to amend the St Stephen's College Incorporation Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 1729 1197 2000">• To make consequential amendments to the principal ordinance (i.e. the St Stephen's College Incorporation Ordinance) to bring it in line with the Education Ordinance to pave way for the establishment of the incorporated management committee of the College</li></ul>	EMB

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11. Hazardous Chemicals Control Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To control and regulate non-pesticide hazardous chemicals, including those covered in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade</li></ul>	ETWB
12. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To introduce a Probationary Driving Licence Scheme for new drivers of private cars and light goods vehicles and to impose on them driving restrictions similar to those currently applied on probationary motorcyclists</li></ul>	ETWB
13. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To give statutory backing to major requirements for listing</li><li>• To make miscellaneous amendments to keep up with market development</li></ul>	FSTB
14. Companies (Amendment) Bill 2006/Scripless Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To enable the operation of a scripless securities market</li></ul>	FSTB
15. Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To give effect to proposals to reform the betting duty system for bets on horse racing, and to rationalise the regulatory regime for conduct of betting on horse races</li></ul>	HAB
16. Race Discrimination Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To render discrimination, harassment and vilification on the ground of race unlawful</li></ul>	HAB
17. Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To rationalise the existing building control system by introducing a minor works control system under which owners may appoint registered minor works contractors and/or building professionals, as appropriate, to carry out small-scale building works through simplified procedures</li></ul>	HPLB

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18. Fisheries Products Safety Bill	• To provide for the strengthening of control on fresh marine fish and freshwater fish imported or reared locally to enhance the protection of public health	HWFB
19. Births, Deaths & Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2006	• To enable the records of births, deaths and marriages be maintained in digital image format	SB
20. Hong Kong Port Areas Bill	• To apply the laws of Hong Kong to Hong Kong Port Areas and provide for related purposes, so as to provide the statutory basis to implement co-location of immigration and customs facilities	SB
21. Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	• 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
22. Covert Surveillance Bill	• To provide for the regulation of interception of communications and covert surveillance	SB
23. Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel Bill	• To establish extra-territorial jurisdiction over Chinese nationals who are permanent residents of the HKSAR having committed offences against the safety of United Nations and associated personnel in contravention of the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel	SB