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The Hon Ms Miriam Lau Kin-ye, G.B.S., J.P.,
Chairman
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Dear Miriam,

Legislative Programme 2006-07

— Please find attached a list of the bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the current legislative session.

The Legislative Programme serves as an indication of the Administration's intention at this stage, and may be adjusted during the course of the legislative session. This notwithstanding, we hope that Members will find the Programme helpful in planning their work ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elizabeth'.

(Miss Elizabeth Tse)
Director of Administration

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Legislative Programme 2006-07

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2006-07 legislative session. This Programme may be adjusted in the light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau/Unit
1. Prevention of Bribery (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To subject the Chief Executive to certain offences under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance while taking into account the Chief Executive's special constitutional position. 	Adm Wing
2. Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend several Ordinances to implement some of the recommendations made in the "Civil Justice Reform Final Report" of Chief Justice's working party. 	Adm Wing
3. Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To implement the Arrangement on Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters by the Courts of the Mainland and of the HKSAR Pursuant to Choice of Court Agreements between Parties Concerned signed on 14 July 2006. 	D of J
4. Domicile Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To simplify the complex and confusing common law rules for determining a person's domicile and to make it easier to ascertain a person's domicile. 	D of J

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5. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To make minor, technical and largely non-controversial amendments in order to update and improve our laws.	D of J
6. District Councils (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement the financial assistance scheme for candidates in DC elections.	CAB
7. Patents (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To implement a Protocol adopted by the World Trade Organization which, by amending the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, facilitates access to pharmaceutical products when addressing public health problems.	CITB
8. Communications Authority Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish the Communications Authority (CA) as the unified regulator for the electronic communications sector. The Telecommunications Authority and the Broadcasting Authority will be abolished and their powers will be transferred to the CA.	CITB

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9. Employment (Amendment) (No. 1) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="608 376 1203 831">• To provide workable modes of calculation for statutory entitlements under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) in order to adequately express the original policy intention that “wages” as defined under section 2 of Cap. 57 should be used as the basis for all calculations of statutory entitlements.<li data-bbox="608 898 1203 1357">• To modify the existing mode of calculation of statutory entitlements by making reference to the average daily wages earned by an employee during the 12-month period, or such lesser period, when the employee is under the employment of the concerned employer, immediately preceding the relevant dates.	EDLB

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10. Employment (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="612 371 1203 1021">• 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 a reinstatement/re-engagement 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 data-bbox="612 1084 1203 1211">• To clarify the effects of a re-engagement order on the employer.	EDLB
11. Route 8 Control Area Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="612 1279 1203 1406">• To enable the efficient and effective management of the Route 8 Control Area from Tsing Yi to Shatin.	ETWB
12. Energy Efficiency (Registration and Labelling of Products) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="612 1469 1203 1597">• To require the registration and affixing of energy labels on specified energy-using products.	ETWB
13. Product Eco-responsibility Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="612 1693 1203 1821">• To provide a legal framework for introducing producer responsibility schemes for specific products.	ETWB

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14. Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To empower the Authority, i.e. the Director of Environmental Protection, to implement and enforce emission trading through the licensing provisions of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance.	ETWB
15. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To give statutory backing to major requirements for listing and to make miscellaneous amendments to keep up with market development.	FSTB
16. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To improve on the Mandatory Provident Fund (“MPF”) scheme operation, and enhance supervision and regulation of the MPF scheme.	FSTB
17. Race Discrimination Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To render discrimination, harassment and vilification on the ground of race unlawful.	HAB
18. Attachment of Income Order (Application to Government and Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To clarify the Attachment of Income Orders legislation.	HAB
19. Housing (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To amend section 16 of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) concerning determination of variation of rent by the Housing Authority with a view to introducing a more flexible and sustainable rent adjustment mechanism.	HPLB

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20. Buildings (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To amend the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) to introduce a minor works control system under which owners may appoint registered contractors to carry out simple and small-scale building works through simplified procedures.	HPLB
21. Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To bring the legislative provisions in line with the requirements in the International Health Regulations promulgated by the WHO and to update the legal framework in respect of the performance of our disease prevention and control functions and duties.	HWFB
22. Pesticides (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To strength control over the registration of pesticides, ensure safe and appropriate use of pesticides by pest control service providers, etc., and introduce regulatory control measures to fulfill HKSARG's obligation under the Stockholm Convention and the Rotterdam Convention.	HWFB
23. Poultry Slaughtering Plant Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To put in place a regulatory regime for the future poultry slaughtering and processing plant.	HWFB
24. Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To amend the Domestic Violence Ordinance to enhance the prevention of domestic violence and to render better protection for victims of domestic violence.	HWFB

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25. Hong Kong Port Areas Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To apply the laws of Hong Kong to Hong Kong Port Areas in the Mainland and provide for related purposes, so as to implement the arrangement whereby we co-locate the customs and immigration facilities of the Mainland and Hong Kong in the Mainland.	SB
26. 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
27. Crimes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To improve provisions concerning computer offences in the light of changing developments.• To extend geographical jurisdiction of certain computer offences.	SB

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