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The Hon Miriam Lau Kin-ye, G.B.S., J.P.
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear Miriam,

Updated Legislative Programme 2006-07

In line with established practice, I attach at the *Annex* an updated programme of bills (20 in total) which the Administration plans to introduce into the Council in the remaining months of the current legislative session.

Taking into account the seven bills already introduced (excluding the Appropriation Bill 2007), there is no change in the total number of bills (27) forecast for the 2006-07 legislative session. A new item on the Import and Export (Amendment) Bill is included while the timing for the Crimes (Amendment) Bill has to be adjusted.

The updated programme serves as an indication of the Administration's latest legislative proposals, and is subject to change in light of developments in the remaining months of the legislative session. This notwithstanding, we hope that Members will find the updated programme helpful in planning their work ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth

(Miss Elizabeth Tse)
Director of Administration

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**UPDATED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 2006-07
(March to July 2007)**

This updated programme sets out the bills which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2006-07 legislative session. This updated programme may be adjusted in the light of developments.

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Responsible Bureau/Unit
1. 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
2. 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
3. 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.	DoJ
4. 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

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Responsible Bureau/Unit
5. Import and Export (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide the legal basis for submission of electronic advance cargo information.	CITB
6. 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
7. Employment (Amendment) (No. 2) 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, 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.To clarify the effects of a re-engagement order on the employer.	EDLB
8. 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

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9. Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require the provision by suppliers of information and display of energy labels on specified energy-using products. 	ETWB
10. Product Eco-responsibility Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a legal framework for introducing producer responsibility schemes for specific products. 	ETWB
11. Tsing Sha Control Area Bill <i>(Previously known as "Route 8 Control Area Bill")</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable the efficient and effective management of the Tsing Sha Control Area i.e. Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Sha Tin. 	ETWB
12. 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
13. 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
14. 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
15. 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

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16. 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
17. 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
18. 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
19. 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
20. 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