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The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Chairman
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Dear Miriam,

Legislative Programme 2007-08

— Please find attached a list of the bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the current legislative session. As the current session is the last one in the current term of the Council, our target is to introduce the bills as early as practicable, hopefully before the end of February 2008.

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,

Jennifer Mak

(Miss Jennifer Mak)
Director of Administration

Legislative Programme 2007-08

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2007-08 legislative session. This Programme may need to be adjusted in the 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 describe the elements of the offences created by provisions containing the drafting formula “to the satisfaction of” an enforcement officer with greater certainty.• To include miscellaneous amendments to various Ordinances and subsidiary legislation to rectify minor and technical errors in the Laws of Hong Kong.	DoJ
2. Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To strengthen consumer protection by combating misleading and undesirable sales practices.	CEDB
3. Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To update the composition of LegCo functional constituencies for the purpose of the 2008 LegCo election.	CMAB
4. 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.	DEVB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
5. Munsang College and Heep Yunn School (Change of Corporate Names and General Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To amend the Munsang College Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1094) and the Council of Heep Yunn School Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1099) to bring the provisions of the two ordinances into conformity with the Education Ordinance (Cap 279).	EDB
6. Product Eco-Responsibility Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide for a legal framework for introducing producer responsibility schemes for specific products, with a view to avoiding and reducing the environmental impact of end-of-life products.	ENB
7. 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 under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance for achieving the emissions caps of Hong Kong for 2010 and beyond.	ENB
8. Nuclear Material (Liability for Carriage) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To amend the Nuclear Material (Liability for Carriage) Ordinance (Cap. 479) to bring the provisions of this Ordinance in line with the forthcoming amendment of the Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy.	ENB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
9. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To amend the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) to strengthen the enforcement of the Mandatory Provident Fund System for better protection of scheme members' interests.	FSTB
10. Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To update the legal framework in respect of the performance of our disease prevention and control functions and duties and to bring the legislative provisions in line with the requirements in the International Health Regulations (IHR(2005)) promulgated by the WHO.	FHB
11. Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To put in place a regulatory regime for the future poultry slaughtering and processing plant.	FHB
12. Fixed Penalty (Smoking Offences) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide for a fixed penalty system for offences related to violation of smoking prohibition under the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Cap. 371). The objective is to provide necessary deterrent for the effective implementation and enforcement of the smoking prohibition under Cap. 371.	FHB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
13. Establishment of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide an enabling legislation for setting up a statutory body to take forward the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project, including masterplanning the development of the WKCD, developing and operating the arts, cultural, retail, dining and entertainment facilities, as well as transport and relevant communal facilities within the WKCD.	HAB
14. Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To give effect to the proposal of making mesothelioma compensable under the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 360).	LWB
15. Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To introduce a package of measures to combat and deter drink driving and other inappropriate driving behaviour, and to enhance road safety generally.	THB

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