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The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear *Miriam*,

Updated 2009-10 Legislative Programme

— In line with established practice, I attach at **Annex** the updated 2009-10 Legislative Programme for Members' reference.

The updated programme serves as an indication of the Administration's latest legislative proposals, and is subject to change in the light of development in the remaining months of the legislative session.

Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Mak

(Miss Jennifer Mak)
Director of Administration

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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

**Updated Legislative Programme 2009-10
(March to July 2010)**

This updated programme sets out the bills which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2009-10 legislative session. The bills to be introduced are subject to change in the light of the state of readiness of the bills and changing circumstances.

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
1. 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 merged to become the CA. 	CEDB
2. Competition Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a statutory framework for regulating anti-competitive conduct, with a view to promoting free and healthy competition in Hong Kong to the benefit of the economy and consumers. 	CEDB
3. Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce limited liability partnerships (LLP) for solicitors' practice in Hong Kong. LLP is a model for doing business which confers limited liability on innocent partners so as to insulate their personal assets from claims incurred by negligence of other partners. 	DoJ
4. Matrimonial Proceedings and Property (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Ordinance giving Hong Kong courts the power to deal with ancillary relief matters after recognition of a decree of divorce granted outside Hong Kong. 	DoJ
5. Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To require drivers to stop the engines of their idling vehicles. Any driver who contravenes this requirement will be liable to a fixed penalty. 	ENB

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6. Food Safety Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for new control tools to enhance food safety. 	FHB
7. Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To empower the Secretary for Food and Health to make regulations for the control of the Poultry Slaughtering Centre and the slaughter of birds. 	FHB
8. A bill to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance and Stamp Duty Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To put in place a level playing field for common types of Islamic bonds vis-à-vis conventional bonds as far as tax liabilities are concerned. 	FSTB
9. Deposit Protection Scheme (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To effect the relevant enhancement measures as recommended in the review of the Deposit Protection Scheme with a view to strengthening the protection for depositors. 	FSTB
10. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow taxpayers (and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue) to lodge direct appeals to the court against the decisions of the Board of Review on questions of law without the need to have the Board to agree to state a case for the court's consideration. To empower the Board of Review to give directions and to sanction any non-compliance in order to smooth the operation of the Board. 	FSTB
11. Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To bring Hong Kong's anti-money laundering and counter financing of terrorism regime for financial sectors in line with international standards. 	FSTB

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
12. Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To regulate the operation of all residential care homes for persons with disabilities in the territory. 	LWB
13. Immigration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce a statutory mechanism for handling claims for protection under the United Nations' Convention Against Torture, from persons who resist repatriation on account of torture risk in their home countries. 	SB
14. Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce a package of measures to combat drink driving and other inappropriate driving behaviour, and to enhance road safety. 	THB

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