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Dear Miriam,

Legislative Programme 2011-12

Attached is a list of 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,
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(Miss Jennifer Mak)
Director of Administration

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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

Legislative Programme 2011-12

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2011-12 legislative session. The bills to be introduced and the timing indicated below are subject to change in the light of the state of readiness of the bills and changing circumstances.

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau	Indicative timing within 2011-12 Legislative Session
1. Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create offences prohibiting certain types of unfair trade practices. 	CEDB	1 st half
2. Buildings (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce various new measures for strengthening Building Authority's enforcement powers to deter owners' non-compliance with the Buildings Ordinance and encourage owners to take up their own responsibilities in maintaining and repairing their properties with a view to enhancing building safety in Hong Kong. 	DEVB	1 st half
3. Mediation Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a regulatory framework in respect of certain aspects of the conduct of mediation in Hong Kong with the objects to promote, encourage and facilitate the resolution of disputes by mediation, and to protect the confidential nature of mediation communications. 	DoJ	1 st half

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4. Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the sustainable development of the local fisheries industry by setting up a registration system for local fishing vessels with a view to (a) capping the number of fishing vessels and their engine power; and (b) restricting the fishing activities of non-fishing vessels and prohibiting the fishing activities involving non-local fishing vessels in Hong Kong waters. 	FHB	1 st half
5. Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To (a) enhance regulation of sales and marketing activities of Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) intermediaries by introducing a statutory system to be administered by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA) for the registration of MPF intermediaries to replace the existing administrative regulatory system and vesting with the frontline regulators (viz. Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Insurance Authority and Securities and Futures Commission) the necessary powers to assist MPFA in supervising the conduct of MPF intermediaries who are also their own regulatees; (b) to provide for the establishment of an e-platform by MPFA for transfer of accrued benefits 	FSTB	1 st half

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	among trustees under the Employee Choice Arrangement; and (c) to enhance deterrent against default contribution by employers.		
6. Banking (Amendment) Bill	• To implement the new capital requirements and global liquidity standards of Basel III in Hong Kong.	FSTB	1 st half
7. General Holidays and Employment Legislation (Substitution of Holidays) (Amendment) Bill	• To designate the fourth day of the Lunar New Year (LNY) or the second day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival as a holiday in substitution if respectively any of the first three days of LNY or the day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival falls on a Sunday.	LWB	1 st half
8. Regulation of Sale of First-hand Residential Properties Bill	• To set out the requirements relating to the provision of property and transaction information, sales arrangements, and other related matters relating to the sale of first-hand residential properties with a view to enhancing consumer protection.	THB	2 nd half

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