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The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Chairman,

Updated 2014-15 Legislative Programme

In line with established practice, I attach at **Annex** the updated 2014-15 Legislative Programme for Members' reference.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kitty Choi', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Kitty Choi)
Director of Administration

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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

**Updated Legislative Programme 2014-15
(March to July 2015)**

This updated Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2014-15 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 2014-15 legislative session
1. Patents (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To introduce an “original grant” patent system, to refine the short-term patent system, and to provide for related matters and miscellaneous updates.	CEDB	2 nd half
2. Electoral Legislation (Disqualification Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To amend the electoral legislation (including the Legislative Council Ordinance, the District Councils Ordinance, the Rural Representative Election Ordinance and the subsidiary legislation under the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance) concerning the disqualification of convicts or persons sentenced to imprisonment from being candidates at an election or from holding office, and other related matters.	CMAB	2 nd half
3. Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To make necessary technical amendments to the detailed arrangements regarding the 2016 Legislative Council election.	CMAB	2 nd half

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4.	Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the new producer responsibility scheme for the proper management of locally generated waste electrical and electronic equipment. 	ENB	2 nd half
5.	Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Beverage Container) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the new producer responsibility scheme for the proper management of locally generated glass beverage bottles. 	ENB	2 nd half
6.	Human Reproductive Technology (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit advertisements related to sex selection through human reproductive technology procedures. 	FHB	2 nd half
7.	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reform the regulatory regime to deal with abscondees in order to ensure the integrity of the bankruptcy regime. 	FSTB	2 nd half
8.	Companies (Winding-up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve Hong Kong's corporate insolvency and winding-up regime and bring it in line with other major jurisdictions so as to increase protection of creditors, facilitate more efficient administration of the winding-up process and 	FSTB	2 nd half

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	enhance regulation of the winding-up process.		
9. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend the existing profits tax exemption for offshore funds to private equity funds. 	FSTB	2 nd half
10. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.2) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the concessionary revenue measures as announced in the 2015-16 Budget regarding the proposed increase in the basic and additional child allowances from \$70,000 to \$100,000, and the proposed one-off reduction of salaries tax, tax under personal assessment and profits tax for the year of assessment 2014/15 by 75%, subject to a ceiling of \$20,000. 	FSTB	2 nd half
11. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.3) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow taxpayers and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to lodge direct appeals to court against the decisions of the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance)(“the Board”) on questions of law without having the need to have the Board to agree to state a case for the court’s consideration; to empower the Board to give directions and sanction non-compliance with the directions; and to provide privileges and immunities to the Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and members of the Board, as well as 	FSTB	2 nd half

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	to witness, party to any proceedings and representative of other persons appearing before the Board.		
12. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow the Securities and Futures Commission to provide supervisory assistance to regulators outside Hong Kong and to refine certain other provisions in the Securities and Futures Ordinance. 	FSTB	2 nd half
13. Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To relax the restrictions in relation to relatives, such as married women, on the use of family niches and burial lots and allow subsequent burial of cremated human remains into exhumable lots, and to remove the outdated provisions for better utilisation of land of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries. 	HAB	2 nd half
14. Peak Tramway (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the long-term arrangements for the operation of the peak tramway after end-2015, on expiry of the current two-year operating right. 	THB	2 nd half

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