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The Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Chairman,

Updated 2016-17 Legislative Programme

— In line with established practice, I attach at **Annex** the updated 2016-17 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".

(Ms Kitty Choi)
Director of Administration

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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

Updated 2016-17 Legislative Programme (March to July 2017)

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 2016-17 legislative session. The bills to be introduced and the timing for introduction 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. Travel Industry Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the establishment of an independent statutory body called the Travel Industry Authority and the legislative framework for the licensing and regulation of travel agents, tourist guides and tour escorts. 	CEDB
2. Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bill is an omnibus bill proposing miscellaneous amendments which are largely minor, technical and non-controversial to various Ordinances and subsidiary legislation. One of the key amendments seeks to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) and the Live Television Link and Video Recorded Evidence Rules (Cap. 221 sub. Leg. J) to give the court a discretion, on its own motion or on application, to permit complainants of certain sexual offences to give evidence by way of a live television link, so as to enhance the protection to such complainants during court proceedings. 	DoJ
3. Waterworks (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) to enable suitably qualified and capable persons, in addition to licensed plumbers, to construct, install, maintain, alter, repair and remove fire services and inside services. 	DEVB

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4.	Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the municipal solid waste charging scheme, which aims at creating a financial incentive to drive behavioural changes in waste generation and reducing the overall waste disposal in Hong Kong. 	ENB
5.	Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) to phase out the local trade of ivory, and impose heavier penalties on smuggling and illegal trading of endangered species. 	ENB
6.	Chinese Medicine (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confer statutory power on the Director of Health to order any relevant person to recall from the market any proprietary Chinese medicine, Chinese herbal medicine or product or substance presented as proprietary Chinese medicine or Chinese herbal medicine which may pose threats to public health. 	FHB
7.	Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) to prohibit commercial sale and supply of liquor to persons aged under 18. 	FHB
8.	Medical Devices Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect public health by regulating the supply and use of medical devices in Hong Kong. 	FHB
9.	Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase lay membership in the Medical Council of Hong Kong (“MCHK”) for enhanced accountability and transparency; improve its complaint handling and disciplinary inquiry mechanism for 	FHB

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	greater effectiveness and credibility, and enable MCHK to approve applications for limited registration from not more than one year to not more than three years.	
10. Private Healthcare Facilities Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revamp the regulatory regime for private healthcare facilities amid the evolving landscape of healthcare services. The Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165) and the Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap. 343) will be repealed accordingly. 	FHB
11. Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prescribe statutory customer due diligence and record-keeping requirements applicable to solicitors, accountants, real estate agents and trust or company service providers (“TCSPs”) when these professionals engage in specified transactions; and to introduce a licensing regime for TCSPs. 	FSTB
12. Companies (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require companies incorporated in Hong Kong to maintain an accurate and up-to-date register of beneficial ownership for inspection upon request. 	FSTB
13. Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To turn the Financial Reporting Council into a full-fledged independent oversight body of auditors of public interest entities in Hong Kong by benchmarking against international standards and practices, with a view to enabling Hong Kong to become a member of the International Forum of Independent 	FSTB

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	Audit Regulators.	
14. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) for extending profits tax exemption to privately offered open-ended fund companies (“OFCs”) with their central management and control located onshore, with the aim to attract OFCs to domicile in Hong Kong. 	FSTB
15. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to give effect to the proposals concerning tax concessions in the 2017-18 Budget. 	FSTB
16. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to expand the list of reportable jurisdictions for more effective implementation of automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters in Hong Kong. 	FSTB
17. Employment (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) so that, for an unreasonable and unlawful dismissal, the employer’s agreement is not a pre-requisite for ordering reinstatement or re-engagement, a failure to comply with the order entails an additional liability to pay a further sum and a failure to pay the sum is covered by the offence under its section 43P; to clarify, and supplement as necessary, provisions on engagement by the employer’s successor or associated company under an order for re-engagement; and to provide for incidental and connected matters. 	LWB

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18.	Employment (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend Part XII of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and the Employment Agency Regulations (Cap. 57A) to specify that the Commissioner for Labour may issue Codes of Practice for employment agencies (“EAs”), to raise the maximum penalty on EAs operating without a license or overcharging job-seekers commission, and to extend the criminal liability of overcharging to responsible person(s) other than the licensee. 	LWB
19.	Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a declaration and disclosure system on the cross-boundary movement of physical currency and bearer negotiable instruments for the purpose of combating money laundering and terrorist financing, pursuant to Recommendation 32 of the Financial Action Task Force. 	SB
20.	United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance counter terrorism and counter terrorist-financing measures by amending the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575) having regard to the mandatory requirements in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178 and views of the Financial Action Task Force. 	SB
21.	Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to introduce tax incentives to strengthen Hong Kong’s competitiveness in attracting offshore aircraft leasing business to Hong Kong. 	THB

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22.	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to increase the maximum seating capacity of a light bus. 	THB

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