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Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road,
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Dear Chairman,

Updated 2017-2018 Legislative Programme

In line with established practice, I attach at **Annex** the updated 2017-2018 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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cc Clerk to the House Committee

**Updated Legislative Programme 2017-2018
(March to July 2018)**

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 2017-2018 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. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To expand the scope of profits tax deductions for capital expenditure incurred for the purchase of Intellectual Property Rights (“IPRs”) from the existing five categories to eight for promoting the development of intellectual property trading in Hong Kong. The additional three IPRs are rights in layout-design (topography) of integrated circuits, plant varieties and performances.	CEDB
2. United Nations Sanctions (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To amend the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) to enable regulations made under the Ordinance to impose sanctions against terrorist groups (including Al-Qaida and ISIL) as decided by the United Nations Security Council.	CEDB
3. Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To take forward the nine recommendations of priority made by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in its submission to the Government on the Discrimination Law Review (DLR) to promote equality and prevent discrimination involving the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (SDO) (Cap. 480), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (DDO) (Cap. 487), the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (FSDO) (Cap. 527) and the Race Discrimination Ordinance (RDO)	CMAB

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	(Cap. 602).	
4. Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make improvements to the voter registration arrangements and the electoral procedures for public elections. 	CMAB
5. National Anthem Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement in Hong Kong the Law of the People's Republic of China on the National Anthem, by way of local legislation in accordance with Article 18 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. 	CMAB
6. 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 behavioral changes in waste generation and hence reducing the overall waste disposal in Hong Kong. 	ENB
7. Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, including a Catch Documentation Scheme for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. and other conservation measures, in Hong Kong, with a view to conserving Antarctic marine living resources. 	FHB
8. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for new tax deduction for premiums paid in respect of certified plans under the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme. 	FHB
9. Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To expressly provide for paired and pooled donation arrangements in Hong Kong. 	FHB
10. Companies (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) to improve its clarity and 	FSTB

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	operation and further facilitate business.	
11. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to give effect to some of the proposals concerning tax concessions in the 2018-19 Budget. 	FSTB
12. Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) with a view to (i) minimising the nuisance caused by licensed guesthouses to nearby residents; and (ii) facilitating enforcement actions against unlicensed guesthouses. 	HAB
13. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the relevant sections of Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) so as to provide companies with enhanced tax deduction for their spending on “qualifying R&D activities” in order to encourage innovation and foster economic development in Hong Kong. 	ITB
14. Employment (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase statutory paternity leave from the existing three days to five days. 	LWB
15. Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To empower the Director of Fire Services and the Director of Buildings to require the owners/occupiers of old industrial buildings to improve the fire safety measures of such buildings. 	SB
16. Ferry Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revise the maximum duration of a ferry service licence under the Ferry Services Ordinance (Cap. 104). 	THB
17. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations 	THB

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(Cap. 374D) to provide for the validity period of driver identity plates for taxi and public light bus drivers, which is one of the trade facilitation measures announced in the Public Transport Strategy Study.

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