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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,*

### **2017-2018 Legislative Programme**

Attached is a list of bills which the Government intends to introduce to the Legislative Council in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

The Legislative Programme serves as an indication of the Government'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,

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

## Legislative Programme 2017-2018

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 legislative session |
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| 1. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To expand the scope of tax deduction for capital expenditure incurred on 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 layout-design of integrated circuits, plant varieties and rights in performance.</li></ul>                                                                                                       | CEDB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 2. <b>Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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) (Cap. 602).</li></ul> | CMAB   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |

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| 3. <b>Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make improvements to the voter registration arrangements and the electoral procedures for public elections.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CMAB   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |
| 4. <b>Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | ENB    | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 5. <b>Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Bill</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>                                                               | FHB    | 2nd half                                               |
| 6. <b>Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Bill</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To implement the legislative proposals of the auditor regulatory reform to further enhance the independence of the existing regulatory regime for auditors of listed entities from the audit profession so as to enhance investor protection and ensure that the regime is benchmarked against international standard and practice.</li> </ul> | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |

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| 7. <b>Banking (Amendment) Bill</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To empower the Monetary Authority to prescribe recovery planning requirements and financial exposure limits for authorised institutions, so as to strengthen the resilience of our banking system in accordance with the latest international standards on banking regulation.</li> </ul>                                                                                        | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 8. <b>Companies (Amendment) Bill</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) to improve its clarity and operation and further facilitate business.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 9. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) (“IRO”) to empower the Chief Executive in Council to make orders for giving effect to the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters and any other tax agreements that apply to Hong Kong, and to make necessary amendments to the IRO to align with the Common Reporting Standards.</li> </ul> | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 10. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to introduce a two-tiered profits tax rates regime.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |

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| 11. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To codify the transfer pricing principles in the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) and implement the minimum standards under the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting package promulgated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, including country-by-country reporting and dispute resolution regime.</li> </ul> | FSTB   | 1 <sup>st</sup> half                                   |
| 12. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the relevant sections of the Inland Revenue Ordinance so as to encourage offshore venture capital funds to participate in the \$2 billion Innovation and Technology Venture Fund scheme.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            | ITB    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |
| 13. <b>Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the relevant sections of Inland Revenue Ordinance so as to provide companies with enhanced tax deduction for their spending on “qualified R&amp;D activities” in order to encourage innovation and foster economic development in Hong Kong.</li> </ul>                                                                        | ITB    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |
| 14. <b>Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Bill</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    | SB     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |
| 15. <b>Ferry Services (Amendment) Bill</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To revise the maximum duration of a ferry service licence under the Ferry Services Ordinance (Cap. 104).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | THB    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |

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| 16. <b>Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the Road Traffic Ordinance and the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations 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.</li> </ul> | THB    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                                   |

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