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Government's Legislative Programme for 2001-02 : An Update

Further to my letter of 3 November 2001, enclosing the Government's indicative legislative programme for 2001-02, I am writing to provide you with an updated list of bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council for the remaining months of the current legislative session. Please refer to the updated programme at Annex for details.

You would appreciate that the programme is no more than an indication of the Administration's legislative intent at this stage, and may need to be further adjusted during the course of the legislative session. We hope nonetheless that the list would be useful for Members for planning their legislative work ahead.

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Annex

List of Government Bills to be introduced into LegCo in the remaining months of the 2001-02 Legislative Session

	Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
1.	Extension of Vetting Period (Legislative Council) Bill 2002	To lengthen the existing extended period of one LegCo sitting under the negative vetting procedure	Adm Wing
2.	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	To address public concerns about the impact of certain criminal provisions on dissemination of information in enterprises and teaching activities in schools	CIB
3.	Adaptation of Laws Bill	To make minor adaptations to a number of ordinances	DoJ
4.	Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To implement the recommendations by the Committee on the Competence and Compellability of Spouses of the Law Reform Commission in criminal proceedings and to provide for the giving of evidence by witnesses in criminal proceedings from overseas by live TV link	DoJ
5.	Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the transfer of marine fish culture licences	EFB
6.	Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	To control the collection and disposal of clinical waste, strengthen control on the disposal of non-hazardous waste and ban the import of hazardous waste	EFB

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7.	Education (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the implementation of school-based management in aided schools	EMB
8.	Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Amendment) Bill	To empower the Commissioner for Labour to make regulations to provide for remedies for legal consequences arising from suspension of work under the proposed Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Medical Examinations) Regulation	EMB
9.	Occupational Deafness (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill	To implement benefit improvements under the Occupational Deafness Compensation Scheme	EMB
10.	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a new method of stamping	FB
11.	Companies (Amendment) Bill	To reform the registration regime for overseas companies by making it more user-friendly	FSB
12.	Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the MPF system	FSB
13.	Aerial Ropeways (Safety) (Amendment) Bill	To clarify the definition of "aerial ropeways" in the Ordinance such that it covers all types of aerial ropeways that would be installed and operated in Hong Kong	PLB
14.	Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	To set out the functions and powers of the Independent Police Complaints Council clearly by statute	SB

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15.	United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Bill	To implement the mandatory elements of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 and certain recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering	SB
16.	Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a fee charging scheme for street excavations	WB