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Government's Legislative Programme for 2002-03 - An Update**

With the concurrence of the Chairman, I forward to Members an updated list of bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council (for the remaining months of the current legislative session) for agenda item II(a).

2. Members may wish to note that 33 bills were included in the Legislative Programme for 2002-03 issued on 8 October 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(2) 38/02-03 dated 9 October 2002), and 13 of these bills have already been introduced into the Council.

3. The updated Programme for the remaining months of the current session contains 25 bills, 18 of which also appeared on the October list and seven are new items (items 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 19 and 22).

4. The following two bills have been taken out from the Legislative Programme -

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Purpose of bill as stated in the Programme</u>
(a) Building Management (Amendment) Bill	To improve the legislative framework on private building management
(b) Independent Police Complaints Council Bill	To enhance the credibility of the existing police complaints system by making the Independent Police Complaints Council a statutory body

These two bills are items 25 and 32 on the October list.

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**Government's Legislative Programme
for 2002-03 : An Update**

Further to my letter of 8 October 2002, enclosing the Government's indicative legislative programme for 2002-03, 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 it would be useful to Members in planning their legislative work ahead.

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**List of Government Bills
to be introduced into the Legislative Council**

This document sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remaining months of the current legislative session. The Programme may need to be adjusted in light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
1. Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To introduce civil liability against fraudulent reception of subscription television programme; and• To introduce both civil remedy and criminal sanction against the possession of unauthorised decoders for commercial purposes.	CITB
2. Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To bring the Electronic Transactions Ordinance up-to-date to facilitate further development of e-business in Hong Kong.	CITB
3. Transhipment Cargo (Facilitation) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To remove/simplify the import/export licensing requirements currently imposed on certain transhipment cargoes.	CITB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
4. Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a standing committee to review and monitor the development of legal education and training in Hong Kong; • To make miscellaneous amendments to the Legal Practitioners Ordinance; • To facilitate proof of due execution of document by corporations in conveyancing transactions; and • To empower magistrates to award costs to defendants when applications by the prosecution for review of magistrates' decisions are dismissed. 	DoJ
5. Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect changes to relevant international agreements on liability and compensation for oil pollution. 	EDLB
6. Miscellaneous Amendment (Local Vessels) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make amendments consequential to the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance in 1999. 	EDLB

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7. Apprenticeship (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce improvements to the Apprenticeship Scheme, making it more flexible and better suited to present day needs. 	EMB
8. Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To upgrade teacher qualifications, enhance teacher to pupils ratio in kindergartens and rationalise the composition and operation of the Appeals Board. 	EMB
9. Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate the HKEAA to conduct examinations outside Hong Kong. 	EMB
10. Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the extension of the construction industry levy to cover electrical and mechanical works and related matters. 	EMB
11. Construction Workers Registration Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the registration of construction workers and other related matters. 	ETWB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
12. Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce legislative controls on the collection and disposal of clinical waste to protect public health; • To tighten up control on the import of non-hazardous waste into Hong Kong for disposal; and • To introduce a legal ban on the import of hazardous waste into or through Hong Kong in accordance with the Basel Convention. 	ETWB
13. Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce charging for disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) waste at landfills, C&D waste sorting facilities and public filling outlets. 	ETWB
14. Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To impose a Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax on persons departing from Hong Kong by land and sea. 	FSTB

Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
15. Clearing and Settlement Systems (Finality of Settlement) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To exclude the operations of certain designated clearing and settlement systems, for payment of funds or transfer of securities, from the insolvency regime in Hong Kong and to provide for other related matters. 	FSTB
16. Companies (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement certain recommendations arising from Phase I of the Corporate Governance Review, improve the registration regime for overseas companies, allow electronic incorporation of companies, and update and streamline the prospectus regime. 	FSTB
17. Deposit Protection Scheme Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the establishment of a Deposit Protection Scheme. 	FSTB
18. Adoption (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the adoption arrangements. 	HWFB
19. Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the authorisation and regulation of soccer betting. 	HAB

	Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
20.	Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clarify the existing provisions under the discrimination legislation. 	HAB
21.	Buildings (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To rationalise the building control regime and to provide for other related matters. 	HPLB
22.	Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the security of tenure provisions under the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance. 	HPLB
23.	Town Planning (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To streamline and speed up the planning process and to enhance community participation in the planning system. 	HPLB
24.	A Bill to cater for the implementation of co-location of immigration and customs facilities on the Shenzhen side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clearly define the designated management area to be managed by the HSKAR; and To extend HKSAR laws to the designated management area. 	SB
25.	United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To give effect to relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism as requested by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373. 	SB