

**2003/04 Legislative Programme
presented to the Legislative Council
by the Chief Secretary for Administration
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This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2003/04 legislative session. This Programme may need to be adjusted in light of developments to reflect changing priorities.

	Title	Purpose of Legislation	Responsible Bureau
1.	Employees Compensation Assistance (Amendment) Bill	To clarify the policy intention of a provision in the Ordinance concerning the scope of protection and assistance for employers under the Employees Compensation Assistance Scheme.	EDLB
2.	Employment (Amendment) Bill	To provide for reinstatement / re-engagement of employees who have been unreasonably and unlawfully dismissed and other related matters.	EDLB
3.	Hong Kong International Airport Bill	To enable partial privatization of the Airport Authority.	EDLB
4.	Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Bill	To fulfill the obligations of the HKSAR under an international convention by strengthening security measures on ships and port facilities in order to reduce their vulnerability from security threats, and to avoid them from being used as means of unlawful activities including terrorism, piracy and other forms of criminal acts.	EDLB

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5.	Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill	To empower the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to carry out its objects and functions outside Hong Kong and to remove some of VTC's statutory advisory functions on manpower training which have been transferred to the Manpower Development Committee.	EMB
6.	Construction Industry Council Bill	To establish the Construction Industry Council funded by construction levies, as recommended by the Construction Industry Review Committee, to pursue continuous quality improvements and spearhead industry reform initiatives.	ETWB
7.	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To relax the current statutory limit on the gross vehicle weight of light buses to allow for the installation of new safety and passenger equipment on new light buses including seat belts and high back seats.	ETWB
8.	Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	To introduce charging for the disposal of construction waste at landfills, sorting facilities and public filling reception facilities.	ETWB
9.	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To allow the Official Receiver's Office to outsource bankruptcy cases to the private sector.	FSTB

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10.	Clearing and Settlement Systems Bill	To introduce an oversight regime for important clearing and settlement systems for funds or securities and to grant such systems statutory protection to ensure finality of settlement of transactions effected through such systems.	FSTB
11.	Hong Kong Sports Development Board (Repeal) Bill	To repeal the Hong Kong Sports Development Board Ordinance.	HAB
12.	Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) Bill	To regulate health claims with a view to protecting the public from misleading or undesirable claims.	HWFB
13.	Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill	To implement a judgment of the Court of First Instance concerning the determination of minimum terms in respect of prisoners detained at Executive Discretion.	SB