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Dear Miriam,

Legislative Programme 2010-11

Attached is a list of bills which the Administration intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the current legislative session.

The Legislative Programme serves as an indication of the Administration'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,
Jennifer Mak

(Miss Jennifer Mak)
Director of Administration

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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

Legislative Programme 2010-11

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2010-11 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 2010-11 Legislative Session
1. Copyright (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen copyright protection in the digital environment, thereby facilitating the further healthy development of our creative industries. 	CEDB	2 nd half
2. Pyramid Selling Prohibition (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revise the definition of “pyramid selling scheme” and prescribe a heavier penalty on offenders. 	CEDB	2 nd half
3. Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend the coverage of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance to cover “services” and to create criminal offences to tackle unfair trade practices. 	CEDB	2 nd half
4. Chief Executive Election (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the method for selecting the Chief Executive in 2012, including the Election Committee Subsector Elections in 2011. 	CMAB	1 st half
5. Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the method for the formation of the Legislative Council in 2012. It includes amendments applicable to geographical 	CMAB	1 st half

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6. Lifts and Escalators Bill	<p>constituencies and amendments to the delineation of the electorate for some functional constituencies and the corresponding Election Committee Subsectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance the safety of lifts and escalators in Hong Kong by introducing a new registration scheme for lift and escalator workers; raising the qualification requirements of lift and escalator workers; raising the qualification requirements for registration as lift and escalator engineer; increasing the penalty levels for offences; and streamlining regulatory control process. 	DEVB	2 nd half
7. Legislation Publication Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the establishment of an electronic database of legislation and approval of a website on which the information in the database may be published and accessed; to give legal status to copies of the legislation published on an approved website; to provide for powers to make editorial amendments and revisions to Ordinances; and to provide for additional editorial powers for preparation of the loose-leaf edition of the Laws of Hong Kong. 	DoJ	1 st half

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8. Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide statutory basis for the collection authority in the collection of chemical waste and to impose and revise charges in relation to the provision of services for the handling of chemical waste. 	ENB	2 nd half
9. Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve the local marine environment and tackle the over-fishing problem by introducing suitable fisheries management measures. 	FHB	2 nd half
10. Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To bring Hong Kong's anti-money laundering (AML) and counter financing of terrorism (CFT) regime in line with international standards. The bill will set out customer due diligence and record-keeping requirements for financial institutions as prescribed by the international AML/CFT standard setter (viz the Financial Action Task Force), provide a range of regulatory powers and sanctions for enforcement and put in place an AML/CFT regulatory framework for money service providers. 	FSTB	1 st half

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11. Companies Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To rewrite and reform the Companies Ordinance (CO) which affect the operation of live companies, as Phase I of an exercise to rewrite the CO comprehensively. 	FSTB	1 st half
12. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance the Qualifying Debt Instrument (QDI) regime by extending the 50% tax concession to interest income and trading profits derived from QDIs with an original maturity of less than 3 years and clarifying the “issued to the public” criterion under section 14A of the Ordinance. 	FSTB	1 st half
13. A bill to improve the regulatory regime for the financial market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance the regulatory regime for the financial market and improve investor protection by (a) codifying certain requirements to disclose price sensitive information by listed corporations; and (b) establishing an Investor Education Council. 	FSTB	2 nd half
14. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To put it beyond doubt that accrued benefits derived from mandatory contributions under the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) shall be protected against vesting in a trustee-in-bankruptcy in case of bankruptcy of a relevant scheme member. 	FSTB	2 nd half

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15. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow taxpayers and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to lodge direct appeals to the court against the decisions of the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) (the Board) on questions of law without the need to have the Board to agree to state a case for the court's consideration; and to empower the Board to give pre-hearing directions and to sanction non-compliance with the directions. 	FSTB	2 nd half
16. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the 2010-11 Budget initiative in respect of profits tax deduction for capital expenditure on purchase of registered trade marks, copyrights and registered designs. 	FSTB	2 nd half
17. Guardianship of Minors (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in its Report of Guardianship of Children, which aim at improving, simplifying and clarifying the legal arrangements for the appointment and removal of guardians of minors under the Guardianship of Minors Ordinance (Cap.13). 	LWB	2 nd half

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18. Protection of Wages on Insolvency (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To give effect to the proposal of expanding the scope of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund to cover pay for untaken annual leave and statutory holidays under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57). 	LWB	2 nd half
19. Immigration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce a statutory mechanism for handling claims made under the United Nation's Convention Against Torture by persons who express fear of torture upon return to their countries of origin. 	SB	2 nd half
20. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce a package of measures to combat drug driving and improve the safe operations of public light buses with a view to enhancing road safety. 	THB	2 nd half

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