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The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road,
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Dear Chairman,

2015-16 Legislative Programme

Attached is a list of bills which the Government intends to introduce to the Legislative Council in the current 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 cursive script, appearing to read 'Kitty Choi'.

(Ms Kitty Choi)
Director of Administration

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cc Clerk to the House Committee

Public Legislative Programme 2015-16

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2015-16 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 2015-16 legislative session
1. Patents (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce an “original grant” patent system, to refine the short-term patent system, and to provide for related matters and miscellaneous updates. 	CEDB	1 st half
2. Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make necessary amendments regarding the 2016 Election Committee Subsector Elections, the 2017 Chief Executive Election and other electoral laws. 	CMAB	1 st half
3. Companies (Winding-up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve and modernise Hong Kong’s corporate winding-up regime so as to increase protection of creditors, streamline the winding-up process and further enhance the integrity of the winding-up process. 	FSTB	1 st half
4. Deposit Protection Scheme (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To adopt a gross payout approach to determine compensation, in order to achieve faster and effective payouts in case the DPS is triggered. 	FSTB	1 st half
5. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To mandate trustees to provide in each MPF scheme a “Default Investment Strategy”, which will be subject to fee control with a view to driving down MPF fees and facilitating the choice of fund by scheme members. 	FSTB	1 st half

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau	Indicative timing within 2015-16 legislative session
6. Financial Institutions (Resolution) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a regime for the orderly resolution of financial institutions with a view to avoiding or mitigating the risks otherwise posed by their non-viability to the stability and effective working of the financial system of Hong Kong, including the continued performance of critical financial functions. 	FSTB	1 st half
7. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance the existing interest deduction rules and introduce a concessionary tax rate for qualifying corporate treasury centre (“CTC”) operations with a view to developing Hong Kong as a base for CTCs; and to clarify the tax treatment for regulatory capital securities issued by banks to fulfil Basel III capital adequacy requirements. 	FSTB	1 st half
8. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce an open-ended fund company structure to expand Hong Kong’s legal structure for investment fund vehicles. 	FSTB	1 st half
9. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance to enable Hong Kong to be on par with the international standard of implementing automatic exchange of financial account information in tax matters (“AEOI”) with other jurisdictions with a view to enhancing tax transparency and combating cross-border tax evasion. 	FSTB	1 st half

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10. Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance (Cap 570) to provide for a fixed penalty to be payable for “obstruction of public places offences” under section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap 228) in order to combat shop front extensions. 	HAB	1 st half
11. Fire Services (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Fire Services Ordinance to empower the Chief Executive in Council to make regulation to provide for the proposed Registered Fire Engineer Scheme, and to enable the Director of Fire Services to regulate registered fire engineers. 	SB	1 st half
12. Eastern Harbour Crossing Legislation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable the continual operation and management of the Eastern Harbour Crossing as a government tunnel after the expiry of its Build-Operate-Transfer franchise on 7 August 2016. 	THB	1 st half

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