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The Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Chairman
House Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Chairman,

Updated 2018-2019 Legislative Programme

— In line with established practice, I attach at Annex the updated 2018-2019 Legislative Programme for Members' reference.

The updated programme serves as an indication of the Government's latest legislative proposals, and is subject to change in the light of development in the remaining months of the legislative session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kitty Choi'.

(Ms Kitty Choi)
Director of Administration

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cc Clerk to the House Committee

**Updated Legislative Programme 2018-2019
(March to July 2019)**

This updated Programme¹ sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2018-2019 legislative session. The bills to be introduced are subject to change in the light of the state of readiness of the bills and changing circumstances.

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
1. Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislation (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) and the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) to give effect to relaxation measures proposed in the Review of the Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulatory Framework. 	CEDB
2. Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) to enhance the copyright exceptions for persons with print disabilities to meet the requirements under the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. 	CEDB
3. Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for the discretionary power under the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171) for registering fishing vessels that fail to meet the statutory requirement due to justifiable reason(s). 	FHB

¹ In updating the 2018-2019 Legislative Programme, the Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill, which aims to provide for a statutory corporate rescue procedure and insolvent trading provisions in Hong Kong, has been removed. The Government is preparing the Bill and engaging relevant stakeholders on the latest legislative proposals with a view to introducing the Bill into the Legislative Council in the 2019-2020 legislative session as soon as possible.

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4. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend the definition of “animal” under section 56 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) that would require a driver to stop and report to the Police in case of a traffic accident involving damage to animals. 	FHB
5. Medical Devices Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect public health by regulating the supply of medical devices in Hong Kong through pre-market and post-market control, and to provide for related matters. 	FHB
6. Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for the regulation of Advanced Therapy Products (i.e. high-risk cell and tissue therapy products and gene therapy products) with an aim to safeguarding public health. 	FHB
7. Occupational Retirement Schemes (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 426) (“ORSO”) to enhance the powers of the Registrar of Occupational Retirement Schemes (i.e. the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority) to ensure that schemes regulated under the ORSO are bona fide employment-based retirement schemes and improve the governance of occupational retirement schemes. 	FSTB

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8. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) and its subsidiary legislation to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) provide the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (“MPFA”) with explicit power to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary as the legal entity to build, own and operate the Centralised Platform; and (ii) enable the MPFA to start charging Mandatory Provident Fund approved trustees the statutory Annual Registration Fee with effect from 1 January 2020. 	FSTB
9. Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 503) to provide for case-based surrender of a person with a place outside Hong Kong with which Hong Kong has no prevailing long term arrangement in force for the surrender of fugitive offenders; and to amend the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance (Cap. 525) to allow its application to any other place. 	SB
10. Immigration (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115) to improve the screening procedures for non-refoulement claims and provide for related matters. 	SB
11. Franchised Taxi Services Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a regulatory framework for the introduction of franchised taxi service. 	THB
12. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and its subsidiary legislation to provide legal basis to the following proposals – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) providing for the approval by the 	THB

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	<p>Commissioner for Transport of any electronic platform or other system for use in payment of parking meter fees;</p> <p>(b) increasing the Maximum Fees for use of metered parking spaces;</p> <p>(c) regarding “vehicle sensor” as an integral part of “parking meter” so that existing offence in relation to interfering with, impeding or preventing the operation of parking apparatus includes interfering with “vehicle sensor”;</p> <p>(d) repealing references to coin operated parking meters and cash (including coins and bank notes) for payment of parking fees, as well as references to parking card and automatic vending machine ; and</p> <p>(e) the prescription and alterations of the Road Users’ Code are no longer deemed to be subsidiary legislation. The Commissioner for Transport may by notice in the Gazette prescribe and revise the Code.</p>	
<p>13. Freight Container (Safety) (Amendment) Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To implement the latest requirements of the International Convention for Safe Containers, as promulgated by the International Maritime Organization, governing the safety of handling, stacking and transporting of freight containers. 	<p>THB</p>

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
14. Rating (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Rating Ordinance (Cap. 116) for the introduction of “Special Rates” on vacant first-hand private residential units. 	THB

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