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

2018-2019 Legislative Programme

Attached is a list of bills which the Government intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Kitty Choi'.

(Ms Kitty Choi)
Director of Administration

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cc Clerk to the House Committee

Public Legislative Programme 2018-2019

This Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 legislative session
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	1 st half
2. Copyright (Amendment) Bill	<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	1 st half
3. Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) to implement the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong, to update certain provisions, and to confer powers on the Customs and Excise Department to enforce the criminal provisions under Cap. 559. 	CEDB	1 st half

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4. Discrimination Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take forward the eight recommendations of priority made by the Equal Opportunities Commission in its submission to the Government on the Discrimination Law Review to promote equality and prevent discrimination involving the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487), the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 527) and the Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 602). 	CMAB	1 st half
5. National Anthem Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement in Hong Kong the Law of the People's Republic of China on the National Anthem, by way of local legislation in accordance with Article 18 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. 	CMAB	1 st half
6. Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce technical amendments to the electorate of the functional constituencies; to improve the electoral procedures for public elections; and to revise certain arrangements provided under the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554). 	CMAB	2 nd half

Title	Purpose of the Bill	Bureau	Indicative timing within 2018-2019 legislative session
7. Judicial Officers (Extension of Retirement Age) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take forward the necessary legislative amendments to implement the Judiciary’s proposals to extend the statutory retirement ages of Judges and Judicial Officers at various levels of court and related arrangements. 	CSO / JA	2 nd half
8. Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the municipal solid waste charging scheme, which aims to create financial incentives to drive behavioural changes in waste generation and hence reducing the overall waste disposal in Hong Kong. 	ENB	1 st half
9. 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	1 st half
10. 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	2 nd half
11. 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	2 nd half

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12. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to set out the profits tax treatment for loss-absorbing capacity debt instruments to be issued by authorized institutions and related entities in compliance with the relevant requirements. 	FSTB	1 st half
13. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide profits tax exemption to funds operating in Hong Kong. 	FSTB	1 st half
14. Inland Revenue and Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Legislation (Tax Deduction for Annuity Premiums and MPF Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112), Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485) and Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation (Cap. 485A) for introducing tax deductions for taxpayers who take out a deferred annuity or make Mandatory Provident Fund voluntary contributions. 	FSTB	1 st half
15. Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for statutory corporate rescue procedure and insolvent trading provisions in Hong Kong. 	FSTB	2 nd half

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16. 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	2 nd half
17. Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To empower the Director of Fire Services and the Director of Buildings to require the owners/occupiers of old industrial buildings to upgrade the fire safety standards of such buildings. 	SB	1 st half
18. 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	2 nd half
19. Franchised Taxi Services Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a regulatory framework for the introduction of franchised taxi service. 	THB	1 st half
20. 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 – 	THB	1 st half

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	<p>(a) providing for the approval by the 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 except those related to refund of e-Park cards; and</p> <p>(e) amending the provisions to the effect that 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>	

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21. Freight Container (Safety) (Amendment) Bill	<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. 	THB	2 nd half
22. 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	2 nd half

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