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The Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, GBS, JP
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1 Legislative Council Road,
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Dear Starry,

Updated 2022 Legislative Programme

Attached is a list of bills which the Government intends to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2022 legislative session.

The updated 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Lo', written over a white background.

(Brian Lo)
Director of Administration

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cc Clerk to the House Committee

Updated 2022 Legislative Programme

This updated Programme sets out the main pieces of legislation which the Government plans to introduce into the Legislative Council in the remainder of the 2022 legislative session. The Bills to be introduced and the timing indicated below are subject to change in light of the state of readiness of the bills and changing circumstances.

Title and Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
1. Regional Flag and Regional Emblem (Amendment) Bill	CMAB
To further preserve the dignity of the regional flag and regional emblem which are a symbol and sign of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and to better align the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance (117 of 1997) with the amended National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance (116 of 1997).	
2. Development (Town Planning, Lands and Works) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	DEVB
To improve the procedures and other matters relating to town planning, land resumption and acquisition, and works in the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131), the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap. 124), the Foreshore and Seabed (Reclamations) Ordinance (Cap. 127), the Land Acquisition (Possessory Title) Ordinance (Cap. 130), the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370), and the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519), with a view to expediting land and housing supply.	
In addition, to amend the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131) to enable the Planning Authority to protect more effectively rural areas with high ecological value and subject to development pressure.	
3. Post Secondary Colleges (Amendment) Bill	EDB
To enhance the regulatory framework and improve governance of self-financing post-secondary education institutions.	

Title and Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
<p data-bbox="209 271 1134 313">4. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="301 360 1198 533">To enhance animal welfare by introducing a positive duty of care to animals on persons responsible for the animals, enhancing offences against cruelty to animals and strengthening enforcement powers.</p>	EEB
<p data-bbox="209 577 1198 658">5. Promotion of Eco-responsibility (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="301 705 1198 1003">To amend the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance (Cap. 603) and the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) to promote plastic waste reduction by regulating disposable plastic tableware and certain plastic products; to refine existing producer responsibility schemes; and to implement the latest requirements of the Basel Convention in Hong Kong.</p>	EEB
<p data-bbox="209 1048 783 1090">6. Companies (Amendment) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="301 1137 1198 1346">To amend the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) for facilitating companies in using technology to hold virtual or hybrid general meetings, thereby allowing flexibility for companies to hold general meetings in the manner of their own choice.</p>	FSTB
<p data-bbox="209 1391 1198 1471">7. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Taxation on Specified Foreign-sourced Income) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="301 1518 1198 1727">To amend the tax arrangements for offshore passive income for companies with no substantial economic activity in Hong Kong with a view to combating cross-border tax evasion and addressing the concerns of the European Union (“EU”) about situations of double non-taxation in relation to such companies.</p>	FSTB
<p data-bbox="209 1771 1198 1852">8. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Family-owned Investment Holding Vehicle) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="301 1899 1198 2072">To amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to provide tax concessions to attract more family offices to Hong Kong to enhance the city’s status as an asset and wealth management hub.</p>	FSTB

Title and Purpose of the Bill	Bureau
9. Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	FSTB
To exempt the stamp duty on stock transfers relating to market making activities and associated arbitrage transactions conducted by market makers for dual-counter stocks, so as to promote the liquidity of Renminbi-denominated stocks and price efficiency, and facilitate trading by investors.	
10. Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill	ITIB
To facilitate bureaux and departments to adopt technology in enhancing public services.	
11. Courts (Remote Hearing) Bill	Judiciary / CSO
To introduce legislative amendments to provide an option to the Court to order remote hearing in civil and criminal proceedings as it sees fit, having regard to all relevant circumstances, as well as the dual requirements of open justice and fairness.	
12. Family Procedure Bill	Judiciary / CSO
To take forward the recommendations set out in the 2015 Final Report of the Chief Justice’s Working Party on Family Procedure Rules by enabling courts to implement procedural reforms to the family justice system for enhancing efficiency of family proceedings which would help reduce the time and costs for affected parties.	
13. Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill	SB
To revise the statutory time limit for registration of deaths from natural causes and provide legal basis for introduction of certain electronic services.	

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<p data-bbox="210 271 1198 353">14. Electronic Traffic Enforcement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="300 405 1198 573">To enable the issuance of electronic fixed penalty notices against traffic offences to enhance the efficiency of traffic enforcement and strengthen the deterrent effect, so as to promote better driving attitude.</p>	TLB
<p data-bbox="210 618 730 660">15. Pilotage (Amendment) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="300 703 1198 824">To refine the arrangements for the medical examination of pilots and other existing practices, and to adjust the pilotage dues.</p>	TLB
<p data-bbox="210 875 1190 918">16. Road Traffic (Amendment) (Autonomous Vehicles) Bill</p> <p data-bbox="300 960 1198 1171">To provide for a regulatory regime to enable the wider and more flexible trial and pilot use of autonomous vehicles, including an autonomous vehicle passenger-carrying transportation system being planned by the Airport Authority Hong Kong running on the Airportcity Link.</p>	TLB