

Trump's first 100 days

Mr Donald Trump will be ready for the first order of business as soon as he is sworn in on Friday. Nirmal Ghosh looks at some of the issues the new president has vowed to tackle immediately.

THE PLANS

Repeal Obamacare

Complex process could leave millions without health insurance. Republicans say they will replace it but have not said with what. They also want to defund Planned Parenthood, which offers abortions.



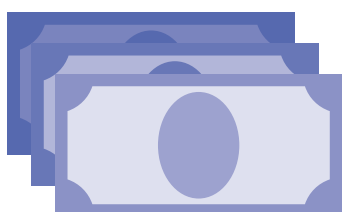
Appoint Supreme Court justice

Vowed to fill a seat left vacant by a conservative with another conservative, after Republicans refused to allow President Barack Obama to fill it with a liberal.



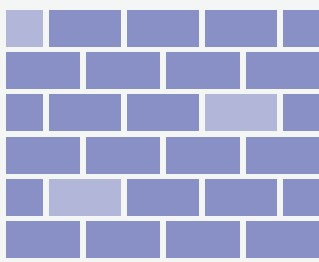
Initiate tax reform

Candidate Trump proposed the biggest tax reforms since Mr Ronald Reagan, including slashing corporate tax to 15 per cent from more than 30 per cent. This is an essential part of his plan to stimulate the economy, and create "jobs, jobs, jobs".



Start to "build the Wall"

The cry went up at his rallies, and supporters say they will hold President Trump to it. Although he now says taxpayers may foot the bill for "the wall", at least initially, he says Mexico will pay for it eventually – somehow. Mexico says it will not.



Abandon the TPP

Officially kill US participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, slap taxes on selected imports from Mexico and China. He pledged to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) too.



Roll back environmental regulations, and others

Part of an agenda aimed at easing restrictions on the business sector. Includes sign-off on controversial Dakota Access Pipeline.



Work on infrastructure plan

Planning and financing for infrastructure spending will begin after Mr Trump is sworn in, though legislation may take a few months. He has floated a US\$1 trillion (S\$1.4 trillion) proposal that will offer federal tax credits to private companies which invest in infrastructure.



THE HEADWINDS

Democratic opposition

As minorities in both Houses of Congress, Democrats would find opposition mostly ineffective unless moderate Republicans join in rebelling against parts of the agenda.



Cabinet approvals

Key Cabinet appointees may be unable to take office soon after Mr Trump does if Senate confirmation hearings drag on beyond Jan 20.



Lawsuits

Some of President Trump's plans could be held up indefinitely by flurries of legal actions as opponents try fighting them off.

