

**GOJ LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2010/2011
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NO	Act #	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
PASSED				
1.	12/2010	MOJ	The Independent Commission of Investigations Act, 2010	To improve on the current system of investigations into public complaints concerning misconduct by members of the Security Forces by repealing the Police Public Complaints Act and appointing an Independent Commission of Investigations.
2.	13/2010	MFPS	The Appropriation Act, 2010	To provide authority for expenditure (other than statutory expenditure) for the financial year 2009/2010 and specifies the manner in which that expenditure is to be allocated to the various services and purposes. To provide for the amounts of receipts in relation to these services and purposes.
3.	14/2010	MAF	The Agricultural Development Corporation (Change of Name) Act, 2010	To amend the Act to, inter alia, strengthen/widen the Corporation's functions/power and change the name of the corporation.
4.	15/2010	ME	The University of the West Indies (Mona Campus) (Security) (Amendment) Act, 2010	To prohibit the cutting of trees, picking of fruits and the cutting of grass and other vegetation <i>et al</i> except with the authorization of the Campus Finance and General Purposes Committee.
5.	16/2010	OPM	The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) Act, 2010	To amend the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation Act to extend the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.
6.	17/2010	OPM	The Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) Act, 2010	To amend the Parish Councils Act to extend the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to each Parish Council and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.
7.	18/2010	MOJ	The Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Act, 2010	To provide for Minimum custodial sentence for a person convicted before Circuit Court of the offences of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent, with the use of a firearm.
8.	19/2010	MNS	The Parole (Amendment) Act, 2010	In order to provide that persons who have been sentenced to imprisonment for life, or for a period of 15 years or more, for specified firearms offences shall not be eligible for parole until after having served a period of not less than 10 years of the sentence.
9.	20/2010	MOJ	The Bail (Amendment) Act, 2010	To affect a delay or deferral in the consideration of bail for 60 days and place the onus on the accused to show cause why he should be granted bail; confer upon the prosecution, a right of appeal in cases where bail is granted by a Court.
10.	21/2010	MNS	The Constabulary Force (Interim Provisions for Arrest and Detention) Act, 2010	To temporarily extend (for a period of one year) the provisions of sections 50B and 50F of the Constabulary Force Act.

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11.	22/2010	MOJ	The Bail (Interim Provisions for Specified Offences) Act, 2010	To provide for person charged with specified offence to be entitled to bail only after expiration of a period of 60 days from date of charge.
12.	23/2010	MNS	The Firearms (Amendment) Act, 2010	To make similar provisions to the Offences Against the Person Act where the court may hand down a sentence of 15 years in cases of serious crimes.
13.	24/2010	MOJ	The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2010	To provide for majority verdict of the jury (not being less than nine to three) to be accepted in cases of murder where the sentencing options do not include the death penalty.
14.	25/2010	MFPS	The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act, 2010	To amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act to improve the legislative framework governing industrial and provident societies by restricting these organizations from engaging in banking business without authority of Minister.
15.	26/2010	MH	The Childcare and Protection (Children's Homes) Regulations, 2005 (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2010	To validate and confirm acts done in good faith by CDA in enforcing the provisions of the regulations and to indemnify persons from liability in respect of such acts as the regulations were published before parliamentary approval was received.
16.		MFPS	The Credit Reporting Act, 2010	To establish licensing system for a credit bureau.
17.		MFPS	The Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Act, 2010	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers at international ports of entry into Jamaica, which will allow arriving passengers to make duty-free purchases upon their arrival at the airports or sea ports, and before clearing Customs; to amend the Customs Tariff (Revision) Resolution, 1972 to extend the duty free baggage allowance; to revise relevant fees under the Act.. To include provisions re penalties, loose stones to be included in definition of approved goods, revision of issues related to contents of the sales slip.
18.		OPM	The Town and Country Planning (Negril Green Island Area Local Planning Authority) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2010	To assist in the proper setting up of the NGIALPA as a Planning Authority and to exempt it from any legal action that might be taken against it from 1981. This is necessary as there is no evidence to indicate that the Authority was properly set up from its inception as a Planning Authority.

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19.	1	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution to provide for a Charter of Rights and Freedom. To reverse the effect of the decision in the Pratt and Morgan case and to ensure that the conditions of prisons in which inmates were detained pending the execution of death sentences were not held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of the protection against inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment.
20.	2	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Special Prosecutor) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the Corruption (Prevention) Act and the Parliament (Integrity of Members) Act; and to provide for the establishment of the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Corruption as a Commission of Parliament. To create an offence for the filing of late statutory declaration; to empower Commission to request information from certain Government departments and agencies, including the revenue services, banks, financial institutions, building societies, co-operative societies and registered Accountants; for statutory declarations to be filed on 31st day of December in each year or at such other intervals as the Commission may direct; to update the fine imposed under section 6 (2).
21.	3	MOJ	The Protected Disclosures Bill	To facilitate the disclosure of information regarding corrupt practices and other forms of wrongdoing in the workplace and to afford protection to persons making such disclosure
APPROVED FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT				
22.	1	MFPS	Payment Clearing and Settlement (Bill) BOJ Act (Amendment) Bill	To enact new legislation to regulate the payment system and give Bank of Jamaica the authority to regulate the payment system Companion Bill to include provisions that will give BOJ the necessary regulatory powers over the national payment system.
23.	2	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body

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24.	1	ME	Council of Community Colleges (Amendment) Bill	To make express provision empowering the Council to: (1) grant and confer certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic awards and (2) rescind such awards in the event that the necessity should arise.
25.	2	MFPS	Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of tax exemption enjoyed by certain public enterprises; To address weaknesses identified in the legislation
26.	3	MOJ	Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for mandatory continuing legal education and to provide for intervention by the General Legal Council in the practice of an Attorney-at-Law.
27.	4	MH	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To provide for treatment of patients by Mental Health Officers without their consent.
28.	5	MLSS	Minimum Wage (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 3 of the Minimum Wage Act to exclude the operation of Section 29(b) of the Interpretation Act on the fine and penalty under the National Minimum Wage Orders.
29.	6	MH	National Health Fund (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the National Health Fund assuming the functions of the Health Corporation Limited.
30.	7	MLSS	National Insurance (Amendment) Bill	(i) To provide funeral grants for special pensioners (persons born prior to 1 January 1908 to qualify for a special pension w.e.f. 1 April 2008) and enlarge the category of persons eligible to receive special pensions. (ii) To increase benefits under the NIS. To increase contributions payable under the NIS. To increase the retirement age of women from 60 to 65 years. (iii) To validate and indemnify the actions of the MLSS with regard to: the payment of the ¾ rate of pensions with effect from 7 April 2008; the expansion of the categories of Special Pensioners; and the provision of Funeral Grants to Special Pensioners with effect from 1 April 2008 (iv) To provide for the increase in the National Insurance Scheme Insurable Wage Ceiling from \$500,000.00 to \$1 million per annum, with effect from 2 August 2010; the increase in the National Insurance Scheme Flat Rate Contribution from \$20.00 per week to \$50.00 per week, with effect from 2 August 2010; and Members of Parliament and Jamaica Defence Force soldiers to contribute to the Scheme by way of payroll deductions up to the Insurance Wage Ceiling, with effect from 2 August 2010.

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31.	8	MYSC	National Library of Jamaica (NLJ) Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To give full autonomy to the National Library of Jamaica
32.	9	OPM	National Solid Waste Authority (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to increase the number of Board Members from 11 to 13 by the inclusion of two (2) representatives of the Association of Local Government Authorities of Jamaica.
33.	10	MH	Radiation (Safety & Control) Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public
34.	11	MTW	Transport Authority (Collection of Fees) (Validation and Indemnity) Bill	Validation of the Collection of Fees
35.	12	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill Flood Water Control (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and MTW; repeal Flood Control Water Act
BEING DRAFTED				
36.	1	MAF	Animal Disease and Importation of (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate importation, distribution, storage of animal products including milk and by-products with regard to disease and safety
37.	2	MAF	Aquaculture Inland and Marine Products and By-Products (Inspection, Licensing and Export) (Amendment) Bill	To plug loopholes discovered in the Act since the opening of the conch season in 2001 and make provision for imports.
38.	3	OPM	Bio-Safety Bill	To put in place a regulatory system for the safe management of Genetically Modified Organisms.
39.	4	MH	Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Bill	To implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and use of Chemical weapons and on their destruction.
40.	5	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To revamp the legislation to bring in line with the present approaches to regulation of the film distribution an exhibition industry and to provide necessary statutory guidelines.
41.	6	MIIC	Companies (Amendment) Bill	i. To improve transitional arrangements for those companies registered under 1965 Act. ii. To de-register companies that fail to file Articles of Continuation.
42.	7	MOJ	Constitutional (Amendment) Bills	To provide for: I. Terms of Limits for Prime Minister (Two Consecutive Terms) II. Removal of Power from the Prime Minister to call elections. III. Establishing fixed election dates.

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43.	8	MFAFT	Convention of Prohibition of Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and their Destruction Bill	To implement the obligations under the Convention and those established under the United Nations Security Council
44.	9	MFAFT	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide Bill	To implement the obligations under the Convention
45.	10	MFAFT	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti- Personnel Mines on their Destruction Bill	To implement obligations under the Convention
46.	11	MIIC	Cooperative & Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	(i) To place the activities of Credit Unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ; (ii) To develop Youth Credit Unions, (iii) To register deposit taking businesses, amalgamation, conversion and acquisitions among other things; (iv) To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.
47.	12	MIIC	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	To ensure Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty. To incorporate provisions of the WIPO copyright Treaty to protect authors, composers and creators of literature.
48.	13	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction to Court Reporters.
49.	14	OPM	Crown Property (Vesting) (Amendment) Bill	To establish a National Divestment Committee to advise Minister of Land and Environment; To provide for the Minister making an Order to exempt certain categories of divestment being routed through the Committee.
50.	15	MIIC	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement
51.	16	OPM	Disaster Management & Mitigation Bill	To provide for a strengthened legislative framework for disaster management (To replace ODPEM Act)
52.	17	MNS	DNA Evidence Bill	To provide for the taking of DNA samples from persons arrested in relation to specified offences.
53.	18	MYSC	Entertainment Industry (Encouragement) Bill Motion Picture (Encouragement) (Amendment) Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for the motion picture producers
54.	19	MOJ	Evidence (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for admissibility of evidence in Criminal and Civil proceedings by way of television links and video link; Removal of certain procedural requirements to the admissibility of computer generated evidence in proceedings generally.

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55.	20	MIIC	Fair Competition (Amendment) Bill	To improve efficacy of Act, following 2001 case of Jamaica Stock Exchange vs. Fair Trading Commission
56.	21	MAF	Fishing Industry (Amendment) Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act for the better management of the fishing industry.
57.	22	MH	Food and Drugs (Amendment) Bill	To include and define over-the-counter products and five new categories of substances for human consumption.
58.	23	MLSS	Foreign Nationals & Commonwealth Citizens (Amendment) Bill & Regulations	(i) To facilitate entry of certain categories of CARICOM Nationals into Jamaica without need for work permits pursuant to CSM. (ii) To increase fines and penalties and allow future amendments to these to be done by Ministerial Order.
59.	24	MFAFT	Geneva Conventions and its Protocols Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations under the Convention.
60.	25	MFAFT	Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Bill	To implement obligations under the Convention.
61.	26	MH	Health & Allied Professions and Services (Increase in Monetary Penalties) Bill	To address the issue of fines in all acts relating to the health portfolio.
62.	27	MT	Hotel (Incentives) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide clarity in definitions given to some aspects of the Act. • To request 'approved building plans' instead of 'certified drawings'. • To encourage investors to purchase, items included under Second Schedule of HIA, locally. • To give the Minister the authority to amend the Second Schedule of the HIA.
63.	28	MFPS	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide incentives to companies listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange Junior Market.
64.	29	MFPS	Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To address weaknesses identified in the legislation.
65.	30	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement Against Illicit Manufacturing of & Trafficking in Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	To implement the obligations under the Convention
66.	31	MFPS	International Financial Services Authority Bill	To be special purpose vehicle for the development of international financial services sector

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67.	32	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatisation of railway operations
68.	33	MTW	Jamaica Railway Privatization Bill	To make provisions for a Jamaica Railway Corporation Fund.
69.	34	ME	Jamaica Teaching Council Bill	To provide for the establishment of the Jamaica Teaching Council, consequential amendments to the provisions of the Education Act dealing with the Teachers Service Commission, and for the introduction of a system of teacher licensing
70.	35	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill	To repeal and replace the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890 (UK), the Administration of Justice Act. 1956 and the Admiral Jurisdiction (Jamaica) Order in Council, 1962 which collectively govern the admiralty jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Jamaica.
71.	36	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording proceedings of by Official Court Reporters.
72.	37	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Reporters.
73.	38	MFAFT	Legislation to regulate diving activities	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards etc.
74.	39	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To incorporate institutional changes under the Social Safety Net Reform (a Unified Benefits Programme) and repeal the Poor Relief Law of 1886.
75.	40	MLSS	National Disabilities Bill	To provide for further protection and legal entrenchment of rights of persons with disabilities
76.	41	ME	National Parenting Support Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of a National Parenting Support Commission to oversee the implementation and operation of the National Parenting Policy.
77.	42	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for the compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica.
78.	43	MH	Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Bill	To establish Nurse Practitioner Council to regulate control and monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioner.
79.	44	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines and custodial sentences (Modernise Legislation)
80.	45	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace

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81.	46	OPM	Ozone Layer Protection Bill	To provide for phase-out of importation of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and to bring together existing orders & regulations concerning controls of ODS
82.	47	MIIC	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	(i) To replace and repeal Patents Act and the Design Act, in order to fulfil all the provisions of the Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement and the USA/Jamaica Bilateral Treaty on Intellectual Property. (ii) To bring Act into conformity with international standards of protection for inventors and innovators.
83.	48	MFPS	Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To address: the licensing of investment managers; the inclusion of conditional registration of pension schemes; conditional approval; fees for Investment Managers; harmonization of contribution limit with limits in Income Tax Amendment, 2008; To validate the actions of the Financial Commission for collecting licensing fees for investment managers.
84.	49	MFPS	Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme - vesting, portability and indexation
85.	50	MEM	Petroleum (Quality Control) Bill Petroleum (Quality Control) Regulations	To provide for the regulation of the petroleum sector as it relates to petroleum safety.
86.	51	MEM	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum.
87.	52	MEM	Petroleum and Oil Fuel (Landing and Storage) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the regulation of the petroleum sector as it pertains to the storage of petroleum. Bureau of Standards to be responsible for testing imported petroleum.
88.	53	MH	Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To authorise the prescribing of specified drugs by Nurse Practitioners.
89.	54	MAF	Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Bill	To provide a framework for the effective functioning of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Jamaica.
90.	55	MAF	Plants (Quarantine) (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise sanitary and phytosanitary measures with WTO requirements.
91.	56	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency
92.	57	MTW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal and replace existing Act, to ensure that the legislation relating to the Authority was in keeping with the Shipping Act, 1998. To bring several Acts relating to maritime activities and port operations, repeal a number of existing Acts, viz, the Harbour Fees Act, the Harbour Lights and Lighthouse Act and the Port Authority Act. Address the weakness in power and functions of the Port Authority of Jamaica.

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93.	58	OPM	Postal Services Bill [Post Office (Repeal) Bill]	(i) To repeal the Post Office Act; (ii) Facilitate modernisation & commercialisation of post offices by transferring the Postal Corporation into a statutory body, Jamaica Post.
94.	59	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase fees and fines; • To amend Section 12 to widen the circumstances under which licences can be revoked or refused; • To amend Section 17 to provide an exception under the Companies Act for lifting the corporate veil to ascertain the identities of company directors and shareholder
95.	60	MFPS	Public Bodies (Management & Accountability) (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the existing legislative framework of accountability in public bodies, including compliance with government's procurement rules. To implement a financial distribution policy for self-financing public bodies
96.	61	MTW	Public Passenger KMTR (Amendment) Bill Public Passenger Rural Areas (Amendment) Bill Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill	To consolidate the Public Passenger (KMTR) Act and Public Passenger (Rural Areas) Act to remove duplication. The Transport Authority Act to include all provisions relating to public transport vehicles which were removed from the Road Traffic Act consequent on its amendment; Transport Authority Act to be consistent with Road Traffic Act re monitoring and regulatory functions for public passenger vehicles. Consequential amendments to be made to any other Act to effect changes to Road Traffic Act and Regulations.
97.	62	MWH	Rent Restriction (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the provision of adequate legislation governing the rental of properties in Jamaica and to bring about greater efficiency in the processing of applications & complaints
98.	63	MFPS	Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians where court overturns elections
99.	64	MFPS	Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	This allows appeals department to deal with certain matters in the Revenue Court
100.	65	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To provide for comprehensive revision of Act ; To repeal and replace the current Road Traffic Act and Regulations (1938) and Companion Acts and Regulations
101.	66	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	To provide for prior informed consent for hazardous chemical.
102.	67	MTW	Shipping (Pollution and Control) Bill [Marine Pollution]	To implement for several international conventions (including International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage; International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Cooperation (ICOPP & R); Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.

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103.	68	MIIC	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	To improve efficiency of Act and amend typographical errors.
104.	69	MTW	Transport Services Economic Regulations Bill	To implement a new legislative regime where the powers to set rates, fares and tariffs in the public passenger sector are vested in OUR
105.	70	MWH	Water Supply and Sewerage Service Bill	To provide the framework for multiple service providers in the water sector through a licensing regime, and to establish the appropriate institutional framework, responsibilities and roles of the various players in the water sector consistent with the Policy.
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106.	1	OPM	Bauxite (Production Levy) (Amendment) Bill	To regulate the legal status of the Capital Development Fund, making it a statutory body.
107.	2	MNS	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Bill	To amend section 5 of the Act to provide for a term of enlistment for gazetted officers and to increase applicable fine for contravention.
108.	3	MFPS	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Bill Constables (Special) (Amendment) Bill Pensions (Amendment) Bill Pensions (Parochial Officers) (Amendment) Bill Pension (Teachers) (Amendment) Bill Defence (Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants) Regulations (Amendment) Bill	To increase the minimum gratuity payable to dependants or legal personal representatives of a Constable or Public Officer, who died as a result of injury attributable to duty as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w.e.f. 01.10.1999 - \$1,750,000.00 • w.e.f. 01.04.2000 - \$4,000,000.00 • w.e.f. 01.04.2005 - \$4,500,000.00 • w.e.f. 01.04.2006 - \$6,000,000.00 • w.e.f. 01.04.2008 - \$8,000,000.00 To allow the Minister responsible for the Public Service to increase by order subject to affirmative resolution the amount as agreed on.
109.	4	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) (Amendment) Bill	To allow a Judge or Resident Magistrate to impose a sentence of imprisonment less than the mandatory minimum sentence that may be imposed under any enactment. This would be applicable in circumstances where an accused, who was the subject of a plea negotiation, was charged with an offence that attracted a mandatory minimum penalty
110.	5	OPM	Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to increase the maximum number of Board members to fourteen (14); the appointment of a representative of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Jamaica Defence Force and the Jamaica Fire Brigade as members.

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111.	6	MFPS	Financial Audit and Administration (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act and provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions; • Approval for Policy Changes with Budgetary Implications; • Deferred Financing; • Debt Reduction; • Fiscal Risks; • Clarity on Purpose for Borrowings; • Expenditure Management; • Waiver Policy and Strategy; • Compensation Negotiating Cycles; • Development of Regulations; • Further Clarity on the Fiscal Policy Paper (FPP)
112.	7	MFPS	General Consumption Tax Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a definition of Imported Services to be included in the legislation; 2. a Time of Supply of an imported service to be specified in the legislation; 3. certainty in the application of GCT to Imported Services, by deleting 'a taxable activity' in section 23B(1) and replacing it with 'an activity which would have been subject to tax if provided locally'; 4. where there was no consideration for a taxable supply, the value of the taxable supply, for tax purposes, to be the open market value; 5. a threshold of J\$90,000.00 (US\$1000.00) for purposes of charging GCT on Imported Services; 6. the specification that imported services secured locally but completely performed, utilized or consumed outside of Jamaica are exempt from GCT; and 7. a Standard Method of Calculating Input Tax Credits with respect to a combination of taxable and exempt supplies.

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113.	8	MFPS	General Consumption Tax Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide for: (i) fixed penalties for not displaying the General Consumption Tax Certificate and failure to return said Certificate; (ii) section 28 to be amended to compel the taxpayer to come forward and be registered whether or not he had been served a notice by the Commissioner; (iii) relevant sections of the Act to be amended to restrict the periods and circumstances in which tax credits may be paid; (iv) General Consumption Tax to be payable on one-off major entertainment events; (v) persons who are registered to notify the Commissioner of any changes which affect registration; (vi) the unauthorized collection of tax and not paying over the tax collected to the Revenue to be made offences; (vii) section 61 of the General Consumption Tax Act to be amended to expand the powers of the Commissioner with respect to anti-avoidance; (viii) elimination of the requirement for registration of persons below the threshold; (ix) removal of the disparity between the treatment of imported raw materials and the procurement of raw materials locally by manufacturers; (x) shortening of the period for claiming tax credits on capital goods; (xi) execution of documents (returns and other declarations); (xii) expansion of the provisions of section 23(2) as regards transfer/sale of a business as a going concern; and (xiii) the offences and penalties
114.	9	MFPS	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To increase Income Tax threshold and to provide for increase in income rate by individuals.
115.	10	MFPS	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	To institute a reduction from the current 40% to 20% in the rate of interest being charged on Income Tax due and payable under section 79(1) (b) of the Act.
116.	11	OPM	National Building Bill	To improve the efficiency of the building approval process and provide a framework for the effective management of the building industry. (To incorporate the Kingston and St. Andrew Building Act and the Parish Council Building Act.
117.	12	MFPS	Public Bodies (Management & Accountability) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act and provide for: Definitions; Public Private Partnerships; Application of Fees for Government Guarantees; limits on the granting of Guarantees

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118.	13	MOJ	Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill <i>Companion Bills:</i> Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (Amendment) Bill; Parish Councils (Amendment) Bill; General Consumption Tax (Amendment) Bill; Jury (Amendment) Bill	To amend in any statute containing a reference to the Electoral Advisory Committee, with its replacement body the Electoral Commission, consequent on the repeal of the representation of the People (Interim Electoral Reform) Act and its replacement by the Electoral Commission (Interim) Act.
119.	14	MFPS	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Act	Reduction of Stamp Duty
120.	15	MNS	Suppression and Disruption of Criminal Gangs Bill	To introduce legislation for the suppression and disruption of criminal gangs criminal gang-related activities and make consequential amendments to existing legislation as necessary.
121.	16	MFPS	Transfer Tax (Amendment) Act	Reduction of Transfer Tax
122.	17	MT	Travel Agency Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To increase the penalties that may be imposed on a person who is convicted for breaching any of the provisions of the Travel Agency Regulation Act (1956).
123.	18	MOJ	Libel and Defamation Laws	To modernize the laws relating to libel and defamation.

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