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1.	MEYC	Overseas Examinations Commission Act, 2005	Establishment of Statutory Board	1
2.	MFP	Appropriations Act, 2005	Expenditure 2005/2006	1
3.	MFP	Assets Tax (Specified Bodies) (Amendment) Act, 2005	To provide for, (1) where increases of fines, licensing fees etc were incidental to any Act, the Act should be amended by amending the section of the Act to provide for increases or variation by Ministerial order, subject to Affirmative Resolution of the House of Representatives; and (2) revised rates of assets tax where these rates had been in force provisionally by virtue of orders under the Provisionally Collection of Tax Act	1
4.	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Act, 2005	To increase the rate of pension for a retired Prime Minister from $^2/_3$ of the annual salary to the equivalent of the annual salary of a Prime Minister; to bring pension provisions of the surviving spouse of the Prime Minister in line with provisions of other persons in the legislative services; to provide for retiring allowances for retired Prime Ministers and surviving spouses comparable to those received by a GG and surviving spouse; and to make the widow of a Prime Minister eligible for a pension, whether or not her husband held the office during the substance of the marriage.	1
5.	MFP	The Pensions Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes (Amendment) Act, 2006	To remove the criminal sanctions which trustees could face for dereliction of duty and to modify requirement in respect of companies to be licensed to make those requirement less onerous	1
6.	MH	Health Facilities (Medical Laboratories) Act, 2005	Establishment of Medical Laboratories Council to define, regulate and control activities of all medical laboratories	1
7.	MLE	Registration of Titles, Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) Act 2005	To provide for implementation of LAMP, in particular to facilitate implementation of Land Registration Component dealing with cadastral mapping and tenure classification activities	1
8.	MLSS	National Insurance (Validation & Amendment) Act, 2005	To give legal effect to benefits paid; To make orphan's benefit payable where at least one parent was insured under NIS Act; To increase sum recoverable in a civil claim where employer's failure to pay contribution results in loss of NIS benefit; To increase the insurable Wage Ceiling w.e.f. 2003/10/01;To give legal effect to a change in contribution rate for employer and employee; To provide for the payment of 20% of NIS Contributions into the National Health Fund; To provide for additional Health Benefit to NIS Pensioners; To empower Minister to increase benefits by Order	1
9.	MNS	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) Act, 2005	To allow for structured plea bargaining process in the justice system	1
10.	MNS	Firearms (Amendment) Act, 2005	To introduce a new regime for the grant of firearm licences	1
11.	MNS	Police (Civilian Oversight) Authority Act, 2005	To provide for the establishment of a civilian oversight authority to monitor the operations of the JCF, and its auxiliaries	1

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12.	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Act , 2006	To clarify the procedure for the trial on the issue of the fitness of a defendant to stand trial, to provide for other procedures and monitoring mechanisms with regard to such defendants, as well as persons in respect of whom a guilty verdict has been obtained by where the defendant was suffering from a mental disorder at the time the offence was committed; to update the terminology used in the Act for such defendants; and consequential amendments to *Mental Health Act*	1
13.	MOJ	Judicature (Juvenile Courts and other Courts) (Validation & Indemnity) Act, 2005	To validate and confirm acts by Resident Magistrates, Justices of the Juvenile Court and other courts and persons is who performed duties and acted pursuant to the repealed Juveniles Act and consequent on passage of Child Care and Protection Act March 26, 2004.	1
14.	MOJ	Larceny (Amendment) Act, 2005	To make extortion an offence under the Act. The Bill requires a person charged with the offence to satisfy the Court that the demand was warranted under the circumstances.	1
15.	MOJ	Legal Aid (Amendment) Act, 2006	Consequent on the proposed amendment to the *Criminal Justice (Administration) Act* , the Act is being amended to provide for a certificate to be issued for legal aid to be made available to a defendant where a direction for the trial of the issue of fitness to stand trial has been made, regardless of the nature of offence	1
16.	MOJ	Maintenance Act, 2005	To confer obligations on spouses and certain family members to maintain specified family members. Repeal and Replacement of Maintenance Act.	1
17.	MOJ	Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Act, 2006	To replace categories of murder by categories defined to cover any murder committed in the course of an ancillary or arising out of robbery, arson in relation to a dwelling house or nay sexual offence in view of restrictive interpretation given by majority decision of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council	1
18.	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2005	(i)Provision for weighing of vehicles; (ii)To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority: Consequential amendments made to Public Passenger Transport, (Kingston Metropolitan Transport Regions) Act & Public Passenger (Rural Area) Act	1
19.	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2005	To make additional provisions in relations to the seizure and storage of vehicles which operate in contravention to the Act or the terms of the relevant licence.	1
20.	OPM	National Housing Trust (Amendment) Act, 2005	To allow for funding of such projects for the development of education and for improving social and physical infrastructure services available to its beneficiaries in the communities NHT has built or intend to construct new units for communities developed under for transformation of education	1
21.	Private Member's Bill	Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Act , 2005	To give effect to decisions of the court to correct injustice caused to injured parties where insurance companies collect premiums in excess of the minimum coverage required by statute and pay over only the statutory minimum in settlement of claims	1

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NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY
22.	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board Bill	To establish Dairy Development Board	2
23.	MFP	Financial Investigations Division Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To establish the Financial Investigations Division as a department of government to investigate financial crimes, with functions to include maintaining intelligence databases on financial crimes, compiling statistics and setting out the parameters for the operation of the division.	2
24.	MFP	Financial Services Commission (Validation & Indemnity) Bill	Validate all actions taken by FSC since August 2, 2001 w.r.t. enforcing insurance provisions of FSC Act and indemnify officials of Commission and Crown	2
25.	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers	2
26.	MNS	Phyllis Mae Mitchell (Validation & Indemnity)	To validate and provide indemnity in respect of official acts carried out by, and monies paid to Phyllis Mitchell as Minister of State in circumstances of the voidance of her membership of House of Representatives	2
27.	MNS	Interception of Communication Bill	To authorise interception of all communication addresses of a specific person named in warrant; to place obligation on all telecommunication service provider to assume cost of establishing & maintaining capacity to intercept communications	2
28.	MNS	Proceeds of Crime Bill	To address deficiencies in the ability of the authorities to respond effectively in the forfeiture of assets under the existing legislation viz , the *Drug Offences (Forfeiture of Proceeds) Act* and the *Money Laundering Act*; the later Act is to be repealed to make way for more comprehensive legislation to deal with money laundering	2
29.	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution to provide for a Charter of Rights and Freedoms	2
30.	MOJ	Committal Proceedings Bill	To provide for abolition of existing procedure of preliminary examinations in cases of indictable offences and for a new committal proceedings regime	2
31.	MOJ	Law Reform (Notice of Alibi Evidence) Bill	To provide for the giving of notice to the Prosecution where the Defence intends to rely on Alibi Evidence at trial within a prescribed period of time of arraignment.	2
32.	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill	To reflect changes in the regulatory responsibilities & the structure of the Broadcasting Commission; change in definition and classification of broadcasting licences to increase local & regional TV programmes via cable	2
33.	Private Member	Contractor General (Amendment)	To correct certain deficiencies in the Act , in particular to enable the National Contracts Commission to enforce the provisions of the Act and to provide for legal sanctions for non-compliance by government agencies and departments	2

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34.	MCST	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ	3
35.	MCST	National Commission on Science and Technology Bill	To establish a National Commission on Science & Technology	3
36.	MEYC	Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Medicine and Other health Professions) Bill	Establishment of regional accreditation body for education in medicine and other health professions	3
37.	MFP	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To increase amount payable from insurance coverage for health care	3
38.	MNS	Constituencies (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 67 (1) to allow for increase in number of constituencies to 63	3
39.	MNS	Electoral Commission of Jamaica (Interim) Representation of People (Interim Reform) (Repeal) Bill	To create Electoral Commission	3
40.	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations of Commission – create offence for late filing of declaration; to empower commission to request info from different entities	3
41.	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police	3
42.	MOJ	Incest (Punishment) Bill {Companion Bill to Offences Against the Persons}	To increase the penalty for incest and widen the categories of prohibited relationships	3
43.	MOJ	Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To provide for more severe sanctions to deal with the offence of incest	3

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NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY
44.	MA	Public Gardens (Amendment) Bill	To regulate the proper administration of public gardens, including charging user fees	4
45.	MEYC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica	4
46.	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	4
47.	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To address collusion and bribery in respect of Customs officials	4
48.	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill	Bonus share issue, more effective regulation of long term savings instruments; allow for increase in rates of premium tax and investment income payable by life insurance companies	4
49.	MH	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in line with National Health Services Act. To provide for the treatment of patients by Mental Health Officers without their consent	4
50.	MH	Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for increases in fines	4
51.	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public	4
52.	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act	4
53.	MNS	Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill	To bring under the Act specified substances under the Food and Drug Act as Psychotropic Substances	4
54.	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency	4
55.	MTW	Transport Authority (Collection of Fees) (Validation and Indemnity) Bill (No.2)	Validation of collection of fees	4

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NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY
56.	MA	Animal/Disease & Importation of (Amendment) Bill	Facilitate importation, distribution, storage etc of animal products, include milk & by products re disease & safety	5
57.	MA	Aquaculture Inland & Marine products & By-products (Inspection, Licensing & Export) (Amendment) Bill	To plug loopholes discovered in Act since opening of Conch season in 2001 and make provisions for import	5
58.	MA	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill Banana Industry (Repeal) Bill	Restructuring of the administrative framework to allow for delegation of the duties of the Banana Board to any body corporate or company having the requisite expertise in banana sales and marketing insurance and the effecting of contractual insurance on existing banana cultivations over and above the statutory limit	5 5
59.	MA	Fishing Industry (Amendment) Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5
60.	MCST	Companies (Amendment) Bill	Improve transition arrangements for those companies registered under 1965 Act	5
61.	MCST	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.	5
62.	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty	5
63.	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement	5
64.	MCST	Electronic Transactions Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.	5
65.	MCST	International Finance Company (Income Tax Relief) (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To widen scope of services/provide increased tax benefits	5
66.	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act	5
67.	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum	5
68.	MCST	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.	5
69.	MCST	Postal Services Bill [Post Office (Repeal) Bill]	To repeal Post Office Act; Facilitate modernisation & commercialisation of post offices by transferring the Postal Corporation into a statutory body Jamaica Post.	5
70.	MCST	Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Bill [Companion Bill to Companies Act]	To give recognition to developments in e-commerce (relating to registration), provide for increase in penalties, provide for registration of business name by Company, provision for disposal of records, disclosure of information	5
71.	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention	5
72.	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention	5

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73.	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5
74.	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5
75.	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement Against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention	5
76.	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board	5
77.	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen regulatory framework and the rules governing licensed operators. Improve the fairness of the conduct of race meets. To levy a tax on the gross proceeds of each event as well as the winnings & to allow for the grant of licences to operators of commercial bingo	5
78.	MFP	Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Agreement	5
79.	MFP	Constabulary Force (Amendment)	Linking of Service between SCF and JCF	5
80.	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau	5
81.	MFP	Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of tax exemption enjoyed by certain public enterprises	5
82.	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To enhance capability of MDA to carry out functions	5
83.	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide for establishment of Audit Committees in all ministries and departments; to expand the definition of "department"; and to enforce the establishment of audit committees in public bodies.	5
84.	MFP	Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate imposition of sanctions for breaches of regulations and to enhance monitoring of industries under supervision of FSC	5
85.	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment	5
86.	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 6)	To allow income tax relief on acquisition of Telecommunications Licences	5
87.	MFP	Industrial & Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the regulatory framework governing financial institutions by restricting these orgs from engaging in banking business without authority of Minister	5

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88.	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act	5
89.	MFP	National Pensions Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme – vesting and portability	5
90.	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians where court overturns elections	5
91.	MFP	Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To extend use of TRN to persons other than taxpayers or persons transacting business with a Revenue Department, and in the case of minors, to allow for the parent or legal guardian to make application on their behalf; provide for penalties in respect of fraud & misrepresentation regarding TRN applications & use.	5
92.	MFP	Revenue Administration (Special Provision) Bill	Linking Tax Compliance with the Granting of Licences and Certification. To make it a prerequisite for the acquisition of a Tax Compliance Certificate in order to obtain licences and professional certification	5
93.	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to Section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.	5
94.	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	To enhance compliance re withholding payments, third party requirement to pay, transferring of tax liability to third party and duty of financial institutions to make return on persons in respect of withheld taxes	5
95.	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill Companies (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill GCT (Amendment) Bill Travel Tax (Amendment) Bill Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	Trust mechanism to improve ability to collect tax revenue and enforce tax judgements	5
96.	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process	5
97.	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	(i)To include and define over-the-counter products and (ii) five new categories of substances for human consumption	5
98.	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2) Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill (Companion Bill)	Legal status of Nurse Practitioners To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products	5 5

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99.	MH	Pesticide Control (Amendment) Bill [Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Amendment]	To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) of the Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Act to provide the Pesticide Control Authority with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators. Amendment of categories & licences issued & fees paid by pest control operators; fees as penalties for breaching regulations.	5
100.	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	Introduction of legislation under the Public Health Act. To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5
101.	MIT	Entertainment Industry (Encouragement) (Amendment) Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for motion picture producers	5
102.	MIT	Jamaica Export Free Zones (Amendment) Bill	To provide GCT relief on local cost incurred by Free Zone Operators	5
103.	MLE	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	5
104.	MLE	Quarries Control (Amendment) Act	To increase penalties and update Act.	5
105.	MLE	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics	5
106.	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties	5
107.	MLE	Registration of Titles (Amendment) Bill	Improving administrative framework	5
108.	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) Bill	To modernise the Act reflecting new arrangements for financing local government	5
109.	MLGCDS	Poor Relief Act	To repeal statute on enactment of Unified Benefits Programme	5
110.	MLSS	Employment Agencies Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To increase the fees, fines and penalties payable under the Act to more realistic levels and future adjustment of fines by Minister by order.	5
111.	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.	5
112.	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace	5
113.	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.	5
114.	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of ISCF	5
115.	MNS	International Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols Bill	Ratification of the Convention and its three protocols; incorporation of the provisions of the Convention into domestic law. Protocols are: (a) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women & Children; (b) Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea; and (c) Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in	5

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			Firearms, their Parts & Components and Ammunitions, Supplementing the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.	
116.	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties	5
117.	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority ([Amendment) Bill	To make it more relevant	5
118.	MNS	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for use of prescribed equipment such as speed measuring devices	5
119.	MNS	Road Traffic (Imposition of Fines) Validation Bill	To validate action taken by relevant authorities pursuant to Provisional Collection of Tax (Road Traffic) order 2002 and subsequent orders enacted in 2003 & 2004 and to increase penalties	5
120.	MNS	Unlawful Possession of Property Bill	To amend the Unlawful Possession of Property Act, 1952	5
121.	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill	To set out additional procedures in application for pardoning in capital cases; To amend section 91 (prisons conditions) and section 17 (mandatory death sentence) of the Constitution	5
122.	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for maximum sentences for contempt	5
123.	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction of Court Reporters.	5
124.	MOJ	Evidence (Amendment) Bill	To provide for admissibility of evidence in criminal & civil proceedings by way of television links; Removal of certain procedural requirements to the admissibility of computer generated evidence in proceedings generally	5
125.	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers	5
126.	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers	5
127.	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To give effect to recommendations concerning majority verdicts for non-capital murder in trials for capital murder; provide for majority of nine jurors in a trial of issue etc.	5
128.	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers	5
129.	MOJ	Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill	To provide for intervention of General Legal Counsel in practice of an attorney-at-law; maintenance of clients' trust accounts and records and mandatory professional development	5
130.	MOJ	Mutual Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill	Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters	5
131.	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines & custodial sentences	5
132.	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To amend Section 3 of the First Schedule to include such other persons as referred to in the First Schedule, Section 3 (1), paragraph 1 (b) III of the Corruption (Prevention) Act, 2000.	5
133.	MOJ	Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission	5

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134.	MOJ	Supreme Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill	To repeal and replace the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act of 1890 (UK) and the Admiralty Jurisdiction (Jamaica) Order in Council, 1962 which govern the admiralty jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Jamaica. Empowers Rules Committee to make rules to regulate procedures	5
135.	MTW	Jamaica Port Authority (Superannuation Regulations) Bill	To set up a new pension scheme for the Port Authority Staff	5
136.	MTW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5
137.	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations	5
138.	MTW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders	5
139.	MTW	New Montreal Convention on Air Line Liability Bill (Carriage by Air)	Unification of certain rules for international Carriage by air. To ratify ICAO's new convention of passengers, baggage and cargo.	5
140.	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body	5
141.	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	Privatisation of Motor vehicle Inspection Services	5
142.	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.	5
143.	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill Mortgage Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To ensure financial accountability to management of Govt. funds; and to permit the Jamaica Mortgage Bank to play a more active role in bringing the acquisition of housing closer to majority of Jamaicans.	5
144.	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	5
145.	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	5
146.	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.	5
147.	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill	5
148.	OPM	National Commission of Science and Technology	To provide for National Commission of Science and Technology	5

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NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY
149.	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) Bill	Write off bad and doubtful debts	6
150.	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems	6
151.	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To amend Section 3 of GCT Act along lines of Section 3(1) of the Value Added Tax Act of England to ensure that persons who are supplying goods and services in furtherance of taxable activity as defined in the GCT Act cannot escape liability to pay GCT on the grounds that they are not registered taxpayers	6
152.	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To facilitate the collection of taxes on imported motor vehicles	6
153.	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To change the structure of the Act re pick-ups	6
154.	MFP	Property Tax (Amendment) Bill Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	To allow for introduction of new valuation roll effective April 1, 2002; new Property Taxes; additional methods of serving valuation & assessment notices; taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and that TCC include property taxes; to give effect to Provisional Liability System (CAP) Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.	6
155.	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide measures for the Regulation and control of tobacco use	6
156.	MLE	Crown Property (Vesting)	To establish National Divestment Committee to advise Minister of Land and Environment	6
157.	MLE	Disaster Management & Mitigation Bill	To provide fro strengthened legislative framework for disaster management	6
158.	MLSS	Foreign Nationals and Commonwealth Citizens (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the entry of certain categories of CARICOM Nationals into Jamaica without the need for a work permit pursuant to the CSM	6
159.	MLSS	Labour Relations and Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the hearing of disputes involving the non-unionised worker by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal	6
160.	MLSS	National Disabilities	To provide for further protection of rights of persons with disabilities	6

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161.	MNS	National Independent Investigations Authority Bill	To provide for establishment of independent investigations authority	6
162.	MOJ	ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007	To implement legislation to facilitate the efficient and effective hosting of CWC 2007	6
163.	MOJ	National Heroes (Widows Pension) (Amendment)	To remove the irrevocability of an election to receive pension benefits	6
164.	MTW	Professional Engineers' Registration (Amendment)	To include the University of Technology, Jamaica	6
165.	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To provide for comprehensive revision	6
166.	MWH	Housing (Amendment) Bill	To transfer powers of Minister of Housing as Corporation Sole to permanent secretary in said ministry etc	6

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167.	MA	Plants (Quarantine) (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise sanitary and phytosanitary measures with WTO requirements	7
168.	MA	Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Bill	To make Jamaica compliant with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (TPGRFA)	7
169.	MCST	Plant Varieties Protection Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS. To protect the rights of breeders of new plant varieties	7
170.	MCST	Petroleum (Amendment)	To facilitate creation of Petrocaribe Development Fund	7
171.	MFAFT	CARICOM Community (Establishment, Services, Capital and Movement of Community Nationals) Amendment	To provide for coming for various sections of the Act to come into force in times considered most appropriate and make rights granted under in the Act available only to CARICOM nationals of states implementing the same obligations	7
172.	MFAFT	Geneva Conventions and its Protocols	To provide for implementing the obligations under the Convention	7
173.	MFAFT	Foreign Nationals Commonwealth Citizens (Employment) (Amendment)	To insert schedule which enable the relevant Minister to identify categories of CARICOM nationals who could work in Jamaica without work permit , pursuit to CARICOM CSME and to allow Minister to expand categories of CARICOM nationals pursuant to decisions of Conference of Heads of Government	7
174.	MFAFT	Legislation to regulate diving activities	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards etc.	7
175.	MFP	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate collection of taxes	7
176.	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a fee structure for administration of prize competitions	7
177.	MFP	Constabulary Special (Amendment)	To add another ground for retirement after 30 year service; to clarify fact that normal retirement age is 60 years	7
178.	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	7
179.	MFP	Education Tax (Amendment) Bill	Funds collected for taxes to be held separate from funds of collector.	7
180.	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To explicitly authorise the Minister of Finance & Planning to issue Letter of Undertaking (LOUs) to secure short term financing for selected self-financing Public Bodies with strong financial performance and to report to the House of	7

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		Approved Organisations Authorities Loans (Government Guarantee) Bill	Representatives as soon as the LOUs are in place	
181.	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No	To give effect to exemption form income tax on payment of premium income on pension annuities and exemption from income tax on the gains accrued from the investment of the funds associated with pension annuities	7
182.	MFP	Loans (CDB)(Amendment) Bill	To increase Loan Raising Authority from $40 million to $6 Billion	7
183.	MFP	National Payments System	To provide for legal framework for regulation and operation of Ja's payments systems	7
184.	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Concessions)	To address certain deficiencies	7
185.	MFP	Stamp Duty (Amendment)	To allow for stamping of document by means of digital imprinting	7
186.	MH	National Health Services Act Management Schemes	To change financial year for regional health authorities for it to be twelve month period ending March 31, of each year	7
187.	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission	7
188.	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.	7
189.	MLE	Convention on Biological Diversity Bill	To Implement Convention on Biological Diversity	7
190.	MLE	Negril Green island Area Planning Authority (Validation)	To validate activities carried out bona fide since its inception	7
191.	MLE	Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill	To establish ticketing system for certain offences and for permitting juvenile and visitor hunting during bird shooting season	7
192.	MLGCDS	Anti-Doping Commission Bill	To establish the Commission as the national anti-doping organisation to maintain and carry out the Jamaica Anti-Doping Programme and ensure its consistency with the World Anti-Doping Programme and other best practices	7
193.	MLSS	Minimum Wage (Amendment)	To increase fines and empower Minister to adjust fines by Ministerial Order	7
194.	MNS	Constable Force (Amendment)	To grant legal status to Jamaica Police Officers Association	7
195.	MOJ	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To reform the existing bankruptcy provisions to enable a more fair, just and efficient bankruptcy machinery. Removal of references to provisional and absolute orders and replace with provision for single bankruptcy order. Provide for the service of the bankruptcy petition on the debtor well in advance of the hearing date.	7
196.	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry Bill	To amend the current act to reflect the recommendations of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry	7

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197.	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To enable abolition of special juries	7
198.	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To allow for fixed penalty notice to operate as an automatic summons under National Solid Waste Management Act	7
199.	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To include recommendations made in the Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials	7
200.	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme	7
201.	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines	7

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