

**LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2006/2007
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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
1.		MAL	Public Gardens Regulation Act, 2006	To repeal and replace the Public Gardens Regulation Act and to make new provisions in relation to the administration and operation of public gardens and zoos.
2.		MEY	Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Medicine and other Health Professions) Act, 2006	To give legislative effect to certain provisions of the Agreement establishing the Authority; To ensure that training programmes in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing, physiotherapy and other health professions offered in the region by national (whether CARICOM or foreign based), or regional institutions achieve and maintain standards of excellence.
3.		MFP	Appropriations Act, 2006	Expenditure Budget for 2006/2007
4.		MFP	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Act, 2007	To give effect to the decision taken that a condition of the transfer of member of the Island Special Constabulary Forces and their consequential enlistment in the Jamaica Constabulary Force on or after February 27, 1998, is that the service of those members will be linked to allow for enhanced pension rights on retirement.
5.		MFP	Financial Services Commission (Insurance Services) (Validation & Indemnity) Act, 2006	To validate the actions of the and indemnify the Commission and its officers and staff and other persons acting in the purported exercise of supervisory authority over the insurance sector
6.		MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2006	Require that prescribed persons who offer long-term savings instruments for sale obtain the approval of the Minister in a prescribed manner prior to offering products for sale; Require prescribed persons to inform the Minister of any change which would result in loss of the tax-exempt status; Specify that tax exemption can only be given on long-term investments made in Jamaican dollars.
7.		MFP	Loan (Amendment) Act, 2007	To increase borrowing authority from \$650 Billion to \$700 Billion
8.		MFP	Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 2006	To establish a Fund which will be responsible for: a) receiving loan proceeds that will flow to Jamaica under the Petrocaribe Agreement; b) provide financing for approved projects; and c) meeting debt obligations for Jamaica under the Petrocaribe Agreement
9.		MITEC	Electronic Transactions Act, 2006	To facilitate the use of electronic transactions by: a) eliminating the barriers to electronic commerce resulting from uncertainties over writing and signature requirements within the legal framework; b) providing for the use of secure methods for the conduct of electronic transactions.

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10.		MITEC	National Commission on Science and Technology Act, 2007	To establish a National Commission on Science & Technology as a statutory body
11.		MITEC	Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Act, 2006 [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
12.		MLGE	Kingston and St Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) Act, 2006	To amend the KSAC Act in order to extend to the 31 st day of December 2006 , the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to the Council of The Corporation
13.		MLGE	Kingston and St Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) (No.2) Act, 2006	To amend the KSAC Act in order to extend to the 31 st day of December 2007 , the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to the Council of The Corporation
14.		MLGE	Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) (No. 2) Act, 2006	To amend the Act in order to extend to the 31 st day of December 2007 , the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to each parish Council
15.		MLGE	Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) Act, 2006	To amend the Act in order to extend to the 31 st day of December 2006 , the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to each parish Council
16.		MLSS	Employment Agencies Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2007	To increase the fees, fines and penalties payable under the Act to more realistic levels and future adjustment of fines by Minister by order.
17.		MLSS	Minimum Wage (Amendment) Bill, 2007	To increase fines and empower Minister to adjust fines by Ministerial Order
18.		MNS	Electoral Commission (Interim) Act, 2006	To establish the Electoral Commission of Jamaica as a Commission of Parliament and to outline the functions of the Commission. To provide for the appointment of persons designated by the Commission to execute the functions of enumerators, returning officers and poll clerks under the Representation of the People Act.
19.		MNS	ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 Act, 2006	To ensure – a) the efficient and effective staging of the event in Jamaica; b) the secure, safe and orderly conduct of cricket related activities during the match period; c) the protection of certain intellectual property rights; d) the protection of broadcasting rights and other commercial rights; e) remedies for infringement of rights.

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20.		MNS	Interception of Communications (Amendment) Act, 2006	To – a) provide a convenient and speedy procedure for adding and deleting addresses; b) place an obligation on telecommunications service providers to assume the cost of establishing and maintaining the capacity to intercept communications pursuant to warrant; c) empower the Minister to make regulations prescribing minimum requirements for securing compliance with section 10 (1) of the Act (maintenance of interception capability) and providing the apportionment recovery of the costs of such compliance or of providing information, facilities or technical assistance under section 10 (2) of the Act. To require telecommunications carriers and service providers to disclose to the authorised officers specified in section 2 of the Interception of Communications Act of the technical information specified in section 47(1) of the Telecommunications Act, for the purposes of the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offence. To give effect to that decision by a consequential amendment to the Telecommunications Act.
21.		MNS	Proceeds of Crime Act, 2007	To address deficiencies in the ability of the authorities to respond effectively in the forfeiture of assets under the existing legislation viz , the <i>Drug Offences (Forfeiture of Proceeds) Act</i> and the <i>Money Laundering Act</i> ; the latter Act is to be repealed to make way for more comprehensive legislation to deal with money laundering
22.		MNS	Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act, 2007	To tackle the problems of both internal and cross-border trafficking in persons, and to stem the wider problem of Transnational organised crime which is a real threat to Jamaica and a challenge to the security of the country
23.		MOJ	Justices of the Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Act, 2006	To include references to fixed penalty notices issued under section 53(2) of the National Solid Waste Management Act

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
24.	1	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To allow shifting of the evidential burden to the defendant and to provide for the admissibility of evidence to prove contents of documents where it is established that the maker of the document is unable or unwilling to appear before the court.
25.	2	MNS	Constituencies (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend the Constitution to increase from 60 to 65 the maximum number of constituencies into which Jamaica is to be divided. To modify the functions of the Standing Committee by enabling it to submit reports, prior to the next general elections but in any event before January 2007, to the House of Representatives on the delineation of constituency boundaries having regard to the increase in the number of constituencies
26.	3	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution to provide for a Charter of Rights and Freedoms
27.	4	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill	To create an offence for the filing of late statutory declaration; to empower Commission to request info from certain Govt. depts. and agencies, including the revenue services, banks, financial institutions, building societies, co-operative societies and registered accountants. For statutory declarations to be filed on 31 st day of the December in each year or as such other intervals as the Commission may direct. To update the fine imposed under section 6 (2).
28.	5	MOJ	Incest (Punishment) Bill {Companion Bill to Offences Against the Persons}	To include a statutory, gender-neutral definition of rape. To abolish the common law presumption that a boy under fourteen years is incapable of committing rape or other offence of vaginal or anal intercourse.
29.	6	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To repeal the provision relating to special juries
30.	7	MOJ	Law Reform (Notice of Alibi Evidence) Bill	To provide for the giving of a notice to the Prosecution where the Defence intends to rely on Alibi Evidence at trial within a prescribed period from time of arraignment.
31.	8	MOJ	Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To make legal aid available for the interview of alibi witness of the a person who is charged with any offence, including an excepted offence, and who has raised the defence of alibi
32.	9	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
33.	10	MOJ	Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To include a statutory, gender-neutral definition of rape. To abolish the common law presumption that a boy under fourteen years is incapable of committing rape or other offence of vaginal or anal intercourse.

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34.	11	Private Member's Motion brought by Leader of Opposition	Contractor General (Amendment) Bill, 2006	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
35.	12	Private Member's Bill brought by Abraham Dabdoub, Independent MP	Registration and Funding of Political Parties, Act , 2006	To establish a register of political parties to be maintained by the electoral Committee established under the Representation of the People (Interim Electoral Reform) Act or any Electoral Commission established by amendment to the constitution of Ja. In the Act referred to as the registration authority". To make provision in law for political parties to file accounts, donation reports and other particulars in relation to their receipts and expenditure and to ensure in so far as is possible that the funding of political parties and political activities is derived from legitimate sources. To provide for political parties to be accountable to the registration authority for a campaign finding for elections and referenda

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
36.	1	MAL	Jamaica Dairy Development Board Bill	To establish Dairy Development Board
37.	2	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.
38.	3	MFP	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To increase amount payable from insurance coverage for health care
39.	4	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers. 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
40.	5	MITEC	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ
41.	6	MNS	Phyllis Mae Mitchell (Validation & Indemnity) Bill	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
42.	7	MOJ	Committal Proceedings Bill	To make provisions for the elimination of Committal Proceedings in the Resident Magistrate Courts.
43.	8	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police
44.	9	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

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
45.	1	MEY	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica
46.	2	MFP	Caribbean Development Bank (Amendment) Bill	To increase Loan Raising Authority from \$40 million to \$6 Billion
47.	3	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
48.	4	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To establish licensing system of credit bureaus
49.	5	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
50.	6	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
51.	7	MH	Radiation (Safety & Control) Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public
52.	8	MHTWW	Transport Authority (Collection of Fees) (Validation and Indemnity) Bill	Validation of collection of fees
53.	9	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act
54.	10	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 ,
55.	11	MOJ	Judiciary (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To raise the age of retirement for judges
56.	12	MOJ	National Heroes (Widows Pension) (Amendment) Bill	To remove the irrevocability of an election to receive pension benefits
57.	13	MOJ	Pensions (Amendment) Bill	To increase the age of retirement for Judicial Officers and Senior Legal Officers in the Public Service

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58.	1	MAL	Animal/Disease & Importation of (Amendment) Bill	Facilitate importation, distribution, storage etc of animal products, include milk & by products re disease & safety
59.	2	MAL	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
60.	3	MAL	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
61.	4	MAL	Crown Property (Vesting) (Amendment) Bill	To establish National Divestment Committee to advise Minister of Land and Environment
62.	5	MAL	Fishing Industry (Amendment) Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
63.	6	MAL	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)
64.	7	MAL	Plants (Quarantine) (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise sanitary and phytosanitary measures with WTO requirements
65.	8	MAL	Quarries Control (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties and update Act.
66.	9	MAL	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics
67.	10	MAL	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties
68.	11	MAL	Registration of Titles (Amendment) Bill	Improving administrative framework
69.	12	MFAFT	CARICOM Community (Establishment, Services, Capital and Movement of Community Nationals)(Amendment) Bill	To provide for various sections of the Act to come into force in times considered most appropriate and make rights granted under the Act available only to CARICOM nationals of states implementing the same obligations
70.	13	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention

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71.	14	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
72.	15	MFAFT	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide Bill	To implement the obligations under the Convention
73.	16	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
74.	17	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement Against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention
75.	18	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board
76.	19	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 <i>To remove the different number of taxes that now prevail in the Betting & Gaming industry and introduce a gross profit tax instead</i>
77.	20	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a fee structure for administration of prize competitions
78.	21	MFP	Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill [Companion Bill to Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.2)]	To provide for the CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Agreement
79.	22	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from the Dominican Republic
80.	23	MFP	Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of tax exemption enjoyed by certain public enterprises

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81.	24	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. To enhance capability of MDA to carry out functions
82.	25	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
83.	26	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment
84.	27	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
85.	28	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act
86.	29	MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme – vesting and portability
87.	30	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians where court overturns elections
88.	31	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.
89.	32	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to Section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.
90.	33	MFP	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	To allow for stamping of document by means of digital imprinting
91.	34	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill Companies (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (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 Trust mechanism to improve ability to collect tax revenue and enforce tax judgements

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			GCT (Amendment) Bill Travel Tax (Amendment) Bill Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	
92.	35	MFP	Transfer Tax Bill	To simplify complication of transfer tax payable on death and revise existing rates
93.	36	MH	Child Care and Protection (Advisory Council Regulations and Validation) Bill Child Care and Protection (Children's Home) Validation Bill	To validate acts done in good faith by Child Development Agency
94.	37	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process
95.	38	MH	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention
96.	39	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
97.	40	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To establish a Nurse Practitioner Council to regulate, control and monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioners To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products
98.	41	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.
99.	42	MH	Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for increases in fines
100.	43	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act – environmental health and food safety standards in all tourists establishments etc
101.	44	MHTWW	Jamaica Port Authority (Superannuation Regulations) Bill	To set up a new pension scheme for the Port Authority Staff

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102.	45	MHTWW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations
103.	46	MHTWW	Main Roads (Amendment) Bill Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for metrification of measurements in the Act and increased fines and removal of fines to Schedule
104.	47	MHTWW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders
105.	48	MHTWW	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.
106.	49	MHTWW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
107.	50	MHTWW	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]
108.	51	MHTWW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body
109.	52	MHTWW	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.
110.	53	MHTWW (Housing)	Housing (Amendment) Bill	To transfer powers of Minister of Housing as Corporation Sole to permanent secretary in said ministry etc
111.	54	MHTWW (Housing)	Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill Mortgage Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To enable the Jamaica Mortgage Bank to play a more active role in facilitating acquisition of housing for majority of Jamaicans. To increase the ceiling for the aggregate of loans re insurance policies under the Act.
112.	54	MHTWW (Housing)	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

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113.	56	MHTWW (Water)	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill Flood Water Control (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and MHTWW; repeal Flood Control Water Act
114.	57	MHTWW (Water)	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.
115.	58	MITEC	Companies (Amendment) Bill	Improve transition arrangements for those companies registered under 1965 Act
116.	59	MITEC	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.
117.	60	MITEC	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty
118.	61	MITEC	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement
119.	62	MITEC	International Finance Company (Income Tax Relief) (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To widen scope of services/provide increased tax benefits
120.	63	MITEC	Jamaica Export Free Zones (Amendment) Bill	To provide GCT relief on local cost incurred by Free Zone Operators
121.	64	MITEC	Jamaica 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.
122.	65	MITEC	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act
123.	66	MITEC	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum
124.	67	MITEC	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.
125.	68	MLGE	Disaster Management & Mitigation Bill	To provide for a strengthened legislative framework for disaster management. (To replace ODPEM Act.)
126.	69	MLGE	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
127.	70	MLGE	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) Bill	To modernise the Act reflecting new arrangements for financing local government

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
128.	71	MLGE	Poor Relief Act	To repeal statute on enactment of Unified Benefits Programme
129.	72	MLGE	Real Estate (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	Improving legislative framework
130.	73	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.
131.	74	MLSS	National Disabilities Bill	To provide for further protection of rights of persons with disabilities
132.	75	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace
133.	76	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
134.	77	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.
135.	78	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of Island Special Constabulary Force (ISCF)
136.	79	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 Firearms, their Parts & Components and Ammunitions, Supplementing the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.
137.	80	MNS	National Independent Investigations Authority Bill	To provide for establishment of independent investigations authority
			Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission
138.	81	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency
139.	82	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority (Amendment) Bill	To make it more relevant
140.	83	MNS	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for use of prescribed equipment such as speed measuring devices
141.	84	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
142.	85	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

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143.	86	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for maximum sentences for contempt
144.	87	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction of Court Reporters.
145.	88	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers
146.	89	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers
147.	90	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	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.
148.	91	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers
149.	92	MOJ	Mutual Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill	Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
150.	93	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.
151.	94	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 To provide for the Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
152.	95	MOJ	Cyber Crime Bill	To provide enabling legislation for handling criminal activities relating to internet and computer.
153.	96	MTEC	Entertainment Industry (Encouragement) (Amendment) Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for motion picture producers
154.	97	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill
155.	98	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines
156.	99	OPM	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

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
157.	1	MAL	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) Bill	Write off bad and doubtful debts
158.	2	MEY	Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To enable institution to grant, confer and rescind academic awards
159.	3	MFAFT	Geneva Conventions and its Protocols Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations under the Convention
160.	4	MFP	Constabulary (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To add another ground for retirement after 30 year service; to clarify fact that normal retirement age is 60 years
161.	5	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide measures for the Regulation and control of tobacco use
162.	6	MHTWW	Professional Engineers' Registration (Amendment)	To include the University of Technology, Jamaica
163.	7	MHTWW	Transport Services Economic Regulation Bill	To implement new legislative regimen where the powers to set fares, rates and tariffs in the public passenger transport sector are vested in the OUR
164.	8	MITEC	Fair Competition (Amendment) Bill	To improve efficacy of Act, following 2001 case of Jamaica Stock Exchange vs. Fair Trading Commission
165.	9	MITEC	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems
166.	10	MITEC	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Trade Marks Act and Rules
167.	11	MLSS	Labour Relations and Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the hearing of disputes involving the non-unionised worker by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
168.	1	MFAFT	Legislation to regulate diving activities	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards etc.
169.	2	MFP	Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To establish new legal tender limits for coins at 50 pieces
170.	3	MFP	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate collection of taxes
171.	4	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
172.	5	MFP	Education Tax (Amendment) Bill	Funds collected for taxes to be held separate from funds of collector.
173.	6	MFP	National Payments System Bill	To provide for legal framework for regulation and operation of Jamaica's payments systems
174.	7	MFP	Property Tax (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)
			Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.
175.	8	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Concessions) Bill	To address certain deficiencies
176.	9	MH	National Health Services (Management Schemes) Bill	To change financial year of regional health authorities to twelve month period ending March 31, of each year
177.	10	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission
178.	11	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.
179.	12	MHTWW (Water)	National Water Commission (Amendment) Bill	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme
180.	13	MITEC	Protection of New Plant Varieties Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS. To protect the rights of breeders of new plant varieties

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
181.	14	MLGE	Convention on Biological Diversity Bill	To Implement Convention on Biological Diversity
182.	15	MLGE	Negril Green island Area Planning Authority (Validation) Bill	To validate activities carried out bona fide since its inception
183.	16	MLGE	Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill	To establish ticketing system for certain offences and for permitting juvenile and visitor hunting during bird shooting season
184.	17	MLSS	Employment (Termination Redundancy Payments) (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines payable under Act; to increase sum which may be recovered in R.M. Court in claims arising from contract of employment
185.	18	MNS	Constable Force (Amendment) Bill	To grant legal status to Jamaica Police Officers Association
186.	19	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.
187.	20	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill (2)	To make the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption a Commission of Parliament for admin and financial matters
188.	21	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines & custodial sentences
189.	22	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To include recommendations made in the Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials

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