

GOJ LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2015/2016 – AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

PASSED IN PARLIAMENT				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
1.		Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	The Conch (Export Levy) (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 Act No. 15/2015	To make special provisions for the payment and collection of the conch levy payable under the Act in respect of the 2015 Conch Season.
2.		Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	The Fishing Industry (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 21/215	To strengthen Jamaica's fisheries enforcement operations through an increase in the monetary penalties and other means.
3.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Appropriation Act, 2015	To apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the 31 st day of March, 2016 and to appropriate the sums granted in this Session of Parliament.
4.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 24/2015	To enable the Bank to ensure the stability of the Jamaican financial system.
5.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act. No. 12/2015	To provide for the increase in the personal income tax threshold and to give permanent effect to matter previously effected provisionally.
6.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2015 Act No. 30/2015	To define permanent establishment for the purpose of tax liability, to provide for the determination of arm's length consideration of transactions between connected persons, and to prevent double taxation of connected persons where a double taxation agreement is in place.
7.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Minimum Business Tax Act, 2015 Act No. 7/2015	To give permanent effect to the terms of the Provisional Collection of Tax (Minimum Business Tax) Order, 2014, and to validate the collection of the tax during the period in which the provisional order had expired.
8.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Public Procurement Act, 2015 Act No. 20/215	To provide for the framework for public sector procurement system and to legally separate that National Contracts Commission from the Office of the Contractor General.
9.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 19/2015	To enable the automatic sharing of tax information by Jamaican financial institutions and the Central Authority (i.e., Tax Administration Jamaica) in keeping with the US Foreign Account Transaction Compliance Act.
10.		Ministry of Finance and Planning	The Revenue Appeals Division Act, 2015 Act. No. 10/2015	To create the Revenue Appeals Division in replacement of the Taxpayer Appeals Departments; and to establish the Division, Commissioner, Officers, functions and powers.
11.		Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 13/2015	To strengthen the copyright system in Jamaica and enact the Copyright (Licensing Bodies) Regulations and to ensure Jamaica's accession to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Copyright Treaty.
12.		Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act, 2015 Act No. 17/2015	To provide for the regulation of activities and facilities involving nuclear materials and ionising radiation sources by the Bureau of Standards. Also to repeal the Radiation Safety Act.

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13.		Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	The Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 22/2015	To provide for an increase in the fines and penalties; and to allow for the Minister to amend monetary penalties by Order, subject to affirmative resolution.
14.		Ministry of Justice	The Administrator-General (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 11/2015	To provide the Administrator-General with special powers to permit the settling of estates which the Administrator General is currently unable to complete and to amend existing legislation pertinent to the granting of Probate and Letters of Administration by the Supreme Court and the Resident Magistrates' Courts, with the aim of reducing processing time and addressing anomalies in the law.
15.		Ministry of Justice	The Administrator-General's (Fee Collection) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2015 Act No. 33/2015	To validate and confirm as lawful the acts of the Department during the period 30 March 2004 to 23 December 2014 in relation to the changing and collecting of the investment fee at a rate contrary to the Regulations.
16.		Ministry of Justice	The Constitution (Amendment) (Local Government) Act, 2015 Act No. 14/2015	To make provisions for the inclusion of a democratic system of local government for Jamaica in the Constitution.
17.		Ministry of Justice	The Criminal Justice Administration (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 29/215	To make provision for the sentence reduction on guilty pleas and facilitate the review by the Court of Appeal in limited circumstances of a sentence that is fixed by law.
18.		Ministry of Justice	The Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 16/2015	To provide for the introduction of significant reforms to, among other things, allow for the reports of experts to be admitted into evidence without the need to call the expert who made the report.
19.		Ministry of Justice	The Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 28/2015	To make provision, in limited circumstances, for the appeal against a sentence that is fixed by law.
20.		Ministry of Justice	The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 32/2015	To reform the jury system in Jamaica, including through enabling an expanded list of potential jurors, enhancing the jury selection process and providing for trial by the Judge alone where the prosecution and the accused so agree.
21.		Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) Act, 2015 Act No. 25/2015	To provide for an extension to not later than 29 December 2016 for the holding of elections to the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation.
22.		Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	The Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) Act, 2015 Act No. 26/2015	To provide for an extension to not later than 29 December 2016 for the holding of elections to the Parish Councils.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
23.		Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	The Cybercrimes Act, 2015 Act No. 31/2015	The repeal and replace the Cybercrimes Act to take into account the rapid evolution in technology which has presented major challenges for the existing legislation.
24.		Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	The Electricity Act, 2015 Act No. 18/215	To modernise the legislation relating to the electricity sector and repeal the Electric Lighting Act, 1890.
25.		Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	The Quarries Control (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 8/2015	To amend the existing Act to improve the management of quarries.
26.		Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 23/2015	To increase the number of members of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority.
27.		Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	The Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2015	To increase the seating capacity of hackney carriages to not more than five persons, including the drivers.
28.		Office of the Prime Minister	The Office of Utilities Regulations (Amendment) Act, 2015 Act No. 27/2015	To amend the Act to enhance the regulatory framework governing prescribed utility services, by establishing a governance framework that encourages investment, development and growth, whilst protecting the interest of the consumer.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
29.	1	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Casino Gaming (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Casino Gaming Act to clarify and remove any ambiguity relating to the granting of a temporary casino gaming licence, and remove inconsistencies in the provisions of the Act.
30.	2	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Constitution (Amendment) (Established Fund) (Payment of Pensions) Bill	To amend Section 133 of the Constitution to allow for contributions under a contributory pension scheme.
31.	3	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Customs (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Customs Act to facilitate the observance and implementation of international best practices and standards, and assist in providing a framework for the fast movement of goods through the ports.
32.	4	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to harmonise the procedures for hearings, appeals and unclaimed balances with other financial sector legislation; require that where insurance policies contain the average clause, this be indicated clearly on the cover page to inform prospective clients of its existence, otherwise the clause will be void; and allow for the exemption of persons or certain categories of persons from the regulatory requirements of the Act.
33.	5	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Land Valuation (Amendment) Bill	To implement measures to significantly improve the compliance rates for property taxes.
34.	6	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Pensions (Public Service) Bill	To reform the arrangements for public sector pensions.
35.	7	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Property Tax (Amendment) Bill	To implement measures to significantly improve the compliance rates for property taxes.
36.	8	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Tax Collections (Amendment) Bill	To implement measures to significantly improve the compliance rates for property taxes.
37.	9	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	General Partnership Bill	To provide for the formation and operation of general partnerships and support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
38.	10	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Limited Partnership Bill	To provide for the formation and operation of limited partnerships, to repeal the Partnerships (Limited) Act and to support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
39.	11	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Special Economic Zone Bill	To implement a comprehensive framework for the operation of Special Economic Zones.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
40.	12	Ministry of Justice	Caribbean Court of Justice (Original Jurisdiction) Bill	To make provisions for the implementation of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice, and for connected matters
41.	13	Ministry of Justice	Constitution (Amendment) (Caribbean Court of Justice) Bill	To provide for the replacement of appeals to Her Majesty in Council with new provisions for appeals to the Caribbean Court of Justice as Jamaica's final appellate court; and for connected matters.
42.	14	Ministry of Justice	Integrity Commission Bill	To establish a single anti-corruption entity to assume the functions of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, the Integrity Commission and the Office of the Contractor General.
43.	15	Ministry of Justice	Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill	To repeal the provisions for appeal to Her Majesty in Council and to replace those provisions for appeals to the Caribbean Court of Justice; and enact transitional provisions to exclude from the application of the provisions of the Bill, appeals to Her Majesty in Council which were instituted, where leave was granted or application for leave was made, before the date of commencement of the amending provisions.
44.	16	Ministry of Justice	Judicature (Resident Magistrate) (Amendment and Change of Name) Bill	To amend the Act to make amendments to the qualifications for the appointment of judges, to provide for the establishment of the posts of Chief Judge of the Parish Courts and Executive Legal Officer, and to set out their roles, powers and functions.
45.	17	Ministry of Justice	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to include provisions for the establishment of the Court Administration Division as a Division of the Supreme Court, and to establish and set out the respective roles of the office of the Chief Administrator and the Executive Legal Officer to the Chief Justice.
46.	18	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	Local Governance Bill	To create one Act to govern all Councils and set out the broad mandate, scope and powers of Local Authorities regarding governance mechanisms and establish criteria and guidelines for self-management and conferring of city and municipal status.
47.	19	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	Local Government (Financing and Financial Management) Bill	To reflect new arrangements for financing Local Government, incorporating new standards of financial management, fiscal responsibility and accountability.
48.	20	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	Local Government (Unified Services and Employment) Bill	To redefine the roles of the Services Commission and the Local Authorities in managing staff.
49.	21	Ministry of National Security	DNA Evidence Bill	To provide for the taking of DNA samples from persons arrested in relation to specified offences.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
50.	22	Ministry of National Security	Firearms (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to remove the requirement for the Firearms Licensing Authority to refund fees which were paid for applications where such applications were refused, to change the reporting period for the entity and to amend the procedures for the appointment of staff of the entity.
51.	23	Ministry of National Security	Maritime Drug Trafficking (Suppression)(Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the waiver of Jamaica's jurisdiction over Jamaican nationals suspected of engaging in illicit trafficking seaward of Jamaica's territorial sea.
52.	24	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To repeal and replace the current Road Traffic Act and Regulations (1938) and Companion Acts and Regulations; and establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body.
53.	25	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to facilitate the reformation of campaign financing in accordance with the 'Report on Campaign Financing' prepared by the Electoral Commission of Jamaica.
54.	26	Office of the Prime Minister	Sexual Harassment Bill	To address concerns surrounding sexual harassment in general, and in particular, in the workplace.

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APPROVED BY CABINET FOR TABLING				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
55.	1	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Financial Services Commission Act to allow the Financial Services Commission to borrow sums required to meet any obligations or carry out any of its functions
56.	2	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	National Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To allow for more frequent actuarial reviews of the National Insurance Scheme to ensure the long-term sustainability of the National Insurance Fund.

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BEING CONSIDERED/APPROVED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
57.	1	Ministry of Finance and Planning	General Consumption Tax (Removal of Exemptions) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	To amend the Act so as to remove the residual exemptions, mostly in relation to imports, that were granted to government entities by their statute of establishment.
58.	2	Ministry of Finance and Planning	International Trust and Corporate Services Providers Bill	Part of the suite of legislation required to provide the legal framework for the International Financial Services Centre.
59.	3	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Children (Guardianship and Custody) (Amendment) Bill	To implement obligations under the Hague Convention.
60.	4	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	International Holding Companies Bill	To support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
61.	5	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Patents & Design Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act and the Design Act; fulfil all the provisions of the Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement and the USA/Jamaica Bilateral Treaty on Intellectual Property; and bring Act into conformity with international standards of protection for inventors and innovators.
62.	6	Ministry of Justice	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill	For administrative arrangements for serious offences against children to be afforded priority scheduling and disposal in the Courts.
63.	7	Ministry of Justice	Interpretation (Amendment) Bill	To provide that, in relation to penalties for offences in Regulations, unless an Act otherwise provides, the maximum fine should be increased from one thousand dollars to one million dollars.
64.	8	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	Building Bill	To improve the efficiency of the building approval process and provide a framework for the effective management of the building industry.
65.	9	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Transport Authority (Validation and Indemnity) (Amendment) Bill	To validate and confirm the fees collected in good faith by the Transport Authority during the period 1 December 1989 to the commencement of the legislation.
66.	10	Ministry of Youth and Culture	Child Care and Protection (Amendment) Bill	To impose stronger penalties for serious offences against children.

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BILLS BEING DRAFTED				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
67.	1	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Fishing Industry (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act for the better management of the fishing industry
68.	2	Ministry of Education	Council of Community Colleges (Validation and Amendment) Bill	To make express provision empowering the Council to grant and confer certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic awards.
69.	3	Ministry of Education	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.	4	Ministry of Education	Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of a national oversight body for tertiary education in Jamaica.
71.	5	Ministry of Education	Mico University College (Validation and Indemnification) Bill	To provide for the validation and indemnity of all acts by the Mico University College from 2006 to 2010, during which time the College operated without the existence of a valid scheme of management, due to an omission to gazette the order approving its scheme of management.
72.	6	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Amendment the constituent Acts of various Statutory bodies; Public Bodies Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill and Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Bills	To harmonize the enabling statute of statutory bodies to the PBMA Act so as to improve the governance and accountability of such bodies and for related matters; PBMA to be amended to facilitate designation of CEO's of Public Bodies as Accounting Officers; and redefining Accounting Officer to allow for appointment of CEO's of Public Bodies.
73.	7	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Microfinance Bill	To strengthen the legislative framework for money lending institutions and money service businesses.
74.	8	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Public Accountancy (Amendment) Bill	To improve and strengthen the effectiveness of the accountancy profession.
75.	9	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide Bill	To implement the obligations under the Convention and needed for the International Criminal Court legislation
76.	10	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Diving Regulation Bill	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards and other pertinent matters
77.	11	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Geneva Conventions and its Protocols Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations under the Convention and Protocols.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
78.	12	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Rome Statute Bill	To establish the International Criminal Court under the laws of Jamaica to enable the ratification of the Rome Statute.
79.	13	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Companies (Global Forum) (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the recommendations of the Global Forum that have been outstanding since 2010 to bring Jamaica in conformity with international standards.
80.	14	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Cooperative & Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill	To place the activities of Credit Unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ, develop Youth Credit Unions, register deposit taking businesses, amalgamation, conversion and acquisitions etc., and restrict deposit taking activities of Cooperative Societies.
81.	15	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Amendment Bill	To bring the Act into harmony with the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement, and to establish the Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission as a body corporate.
82.	16	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Fair Competition (Amendment) Bill	To improve efficacy of the FTC in fulfilling its duties, including restructuring the FTC to include an independent Tribunal with responsibility to adjudicate matters investigated by the Commission and hear appeals; to allow the Act to apply to all markets and industries, except where specifically exempted by another law; and to generally update the Act to ensure conformity with best practices in the markets with which the FTC is concerned.
83.	17	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to increase the powers of the FSPID inspectors to include the right to seize which are defective; and the rights to request documents in relation to the articles being inspected and the power to detain vehicles and containers used to transport food, and also buildings, if they are infested or contaminated, or liable to be infested or contaminated; amend certain definitions to give effect to new Provisions; allow the FSPID to pass the cost associated with removal, storage and/or destruction of infested or contaminated commodities to the offending party; and remove the powers that the FSPID has for licensing pest control operations in food areas but retain powers to certification of such activities.
84.	18	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Limited Liabilities Companies Bill	To support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
85.	19	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Protection of Geographical Indications (Amendment) Bill	To ensure effective legal protection of geographical indications from defining the role of the Commission and revising the provision for the registration of a geographical indication.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
86.	20	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Scrap Metal Bill	To provide for additional enforcement provisions and the repeal of the Trade (Scrap Metal) Regulations 2013.
87.	21	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Segregated Accounts and Companies Bill	To support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
88.	22	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Trade Marks Act and Rules to allow for the implementation of the Madrid Protocol once Jamaica becomes a signatory.
89.	23	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Trusts (Domestic and Foreign) Bill	To support the suite of services offered by the Jamaica International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
90.	24	Ministry of Justice	Arbitration Bill	To repeal and replacement of the Arbitration Act (1900), the Arbitration Clauses Act (1931), and the Arbitration (Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Awards) Act (2001), and implement a new comprehensive Arbitration Act to govern the conduct and practice of domestic and international arbitration in Jamaica.
91.	25	Ministry of Justice	Law Reform (Notice of Alibi) Bill	To make new provision for the notice of alibi in criminal proceedings.
92.	26	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	National Assistance Bill	To incorporate institutional changes under the Social Safety Net Reform (a Unified Benefits Programme) and repeal the Poor Relief Law, 1886.
93.	27	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace
94.	28	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Petroleum (Quality Control) Bill	To review and amend the current licensing mechanisms and penalties associated with the Ac to ensure appropriate enforcement of safety standards.
95.	29	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Ballast Water Management Convention Bill	To implement the requirements of the Ballast Water Management Convention adopted by the International Maritime Organisation.
96.	30	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Maritime Labour Convention Bill	To give effect to the Maritime Labour Convention; and to amend related laws.

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97.	31	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	To 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, including the Harbour Fees Act, the Harbour Lights and Lighthouse Act and the Port Authority Act; and to address the weakness in power and functions of the Port Authority of Jamaica.
98.	32	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Shipping (Amendment) Bill	To amend existing legislation to ratify the application of an annual fee in lieu of Customs Duty, Customs User Fee, Environmental Levy and General Consumption Tax payable by owners of yachts.
99.	33	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Shipping (Prevention of Pollution of the Sea) Bill	To provide for the incorporation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 as amended (MARPOL73/78). The legislation will also incorporate the 1997 protocol to MARPOL 73/78 which regulates the prevention of air pollution from ships.

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DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
100.	1	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	Companies Act (Amendment) (2) Bill	To make amendments identified by stakeholders in a review of the Act that would further strengthen the efficiency and operation of companies in Jamaica.
101.	2	Ministry of Justice	Judicature (Resident Magistrate) (Amendment) Bill	To enact legislation to grant prosecutors the right of appeal.
102.	3	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Transport Authority Bill	To amend the Act to incorporate Sections 60 – 89 of the current Road Traffic Act and to modernise the current Transport Authority Act.

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CABINET APPROVED ISSUE OF DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS				
No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
103.	1	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Agricultural Commodity Regulatory Authority Bill	To replace the Coffee Industry Board, the Cocoa Industry Board, the Coconut Industry Board, and the Export Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
104.	2	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Coffee Industry Regulation (Amendment) Bill	To expand the categories of licences, impose fees and charges for licences as may be deemed necessary, prescribe the period of licencing and impose a cess on imported coffee and coffee products.
105.	3	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Conch (Export Levy)(Amendment) Bill	To allow for the imposition of a special export levy on the export of selected species of fish and the consequential change of the name of the act to encompass other species of fish and their products and by-products.
106.	4	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Customs (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a comprehensive review of the Act to support reforms in customs administration.
107.	5	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Energy Stabilization and Energy-Efficiency Enhancement Fund Bill	To establish the energy stabilization and energy-efficiency enhancement fund as a separate fund.
108.	6	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Excise Duty (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act, and related legislation, to give effect to the introduction of the tax stamp regime to assist the Tax Administration Jamaica and the Jamaica Customs Agency to increase revenues and mitigate the illicit trade in excisable products.
109.	7	Ministry of Finance and Planning	General Consumption Tax (Amendment) Bill	To amend the GCT Act to facilitate an expanded deferment facility to include locally acquired packaging material sourced by certified manufacturers.
110.	8	Ministry of Finance and Planning	General Consumption Tax (Amendment) Bill (#2)	To amend the act to create a regime that allowed businesses to claim a credit for GCT incurred prior to the start of a taxable activity.
111.	9	Ministry of Finance and Planning	General Consumption Tax (Amendment) Bill (#3)	To amend the act to clarify the prevailing rate of interest applicable to arrears of General Consumption Tax.
112.	10	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to provide for the introduction of a new taxation regime for life insurance companies.
113.	11	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Bill	To further pensions reforms including enabling mandatory vesting, locking-in, portability of pensions rights, indexation of pensions, and civil penalties.
114.	12	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Public Debt Management (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to provide for consistency with both local and international standards and to conform to other legislation.
115.	13	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Statistics (Amendment) Bill	To include the establishment of the Statistics Commission and to expand the scope of the Act to include support to the statistical services being carried performed in all Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
116.	14	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Trades and Business (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to modify the payment structure for businesses required to pay trade and business licence fees.
117.	15	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Customs (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to facilitate the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.
118.	16	Ministry of Justice	Child Care and Protection (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act, and related Acts (including the Corrections Act, the Criminal Justice (Administration) Act, the Criminal Justice (Reform) Act, the Parole Act, the Drug Court (Treatment and Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, the Constabulary Force Act, and the Gun Court Act), to allow for the implementation of child diversion measures in order to deal with children who were alleged, accused of, or recognised to have infringed the criminal law, without resort to formal judicial proceedings.
119.	17	Ministry of Justice	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) (Amendment) Bill	To reform provisions relating to plea bargains and negotiations.
120.	18	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	National Solid Waste Management (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to allow the Minister to grant retroactive approval for the entity to operate participate in the Metropolitan Parks and Markets Pension Plan.
121.	19	Ministry of National Security	Alien (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to facilitate harmonisation and modernisation so as to effectively address current boarder security and control issues.
122.	20	Ministry of National Security	Constables (District) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to establish three levels of District Constables for pay grades to be established to inform the assignment of pension benefits.
123.	21	Ministry of National Security	Firearms (Amendment) Bill Offensive Weapons (Prohibition) Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill	To allow for the acquisition and use of less lethal weapons by civilians for self-protection and defence, and the use of graduated force by law enforcement personnel in Jamaica incorporating the use of such weapons.
124.	22	Ministry of National Security	Immigration Restriction (Commonwealth Citizens) (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to facilitate harmonisation and modernisation so as to effectively address current boarder security and control issues.
125.	23	Ministry of National Security	Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency Bill	To give effect to the new Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency.

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No.	#	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
126.	24	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Data Protection Bill	To implement a regime to address the protection of the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data and regulate the collection, processing, keeping, use and disclosure of information relating to individuals.
127.	25	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Parish Councils (Amendment) Bill; Kingston and St Andrew Corporation (Amendment) Bill; Electoral Commission (Interim) (Amendment) Bill	To empower the Electoral Commission of Jamaica to prescribe electoral division boundaries.
128.	26	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Petroleum (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to increase the number of members of the Board of Directors of the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica.
129.	27	Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining	Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to establish the basic requirements and conditions for the implementation and operation of number portability in Jamaica
130.	28	Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment	Tourist Board (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act and repeal the River Rafting Authority Act, so as to clarify issues in relation to the institutional roles and responsibilities of the Ministry and its agencies.
131.	29	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Professional Engineers Registration (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to address issues relating to registration, annual practising certificated and prescribed fees and penalties.
132.	30	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing (/Ministry of National Security)	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow the exemption provided to vehicles of the Jamaica Defence Force to also be allowed to vehicles of the Jamaica Constabulary Force.
133.	31	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Shipping (Amendment) Bill (#2)	To amend the Act to remove the restriction on the level of penalties which may be applied under Regulations made under the Act.
134.	32	Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing	Wharfage (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to give powers to owners and operators of port facilities in Jamaica to set the tariff for handling transshipment containers.