

**PRIORITY LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2016/2017
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	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	STATUS
1.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Appropriation Act, 2016 Act No. 12/2016	To apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the 31 st day of March, 2017 and to appropriate the sums granted in this Session of Parliament.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 31 May 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 31 May 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 25 May 2016.
2.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 22/2016	To enable the regulator to grant to any promoter, a licence to carry out track betting in prescribed geographic areas.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 19 December 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 16 December 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 5 September 2016 (Dec. No. 29/16). • LC approved the Bill on 30 May 2016 • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 9 March 2015 (Dec. No. 11/15).
3.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 15/2016	To amend the Act to facilitate the implementation of the Cash Based International Public Sector Standards in Central Government by April 2016, and to allow for the new timeline of 31 March 2019 for achieving the targeted Wage/GDP ratio.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 14 November 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 14 October 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 20 September 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 13 June 2016 (Dec. No. 19/16) • LC approved the Bill on 16 May 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 15 February 2016 (Dec. No. 6/16).
4.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 16/2016	To amend the Act to allow the Financial Services Commission to borrow sums required to meet any obligations or carry out any of its functions	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 14 November 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 23 September 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 20 September 2016. • Cabinet reapproved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 11 July 2016 (Dec. No. 24/16). • LC reapproved the Bill on 20 April 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 7 December 2015 (Dec. No. 45/15) • LC approved the Bill on 19 August 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 5 February 2015 (Dec. No. 5/15).

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5.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Jamaica Racing Commission (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 23/2016	To enable the Government of Jamaica to grant geographic exclusivity to the holders of Racing Promoter's Licences.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Governor-General's Assent on 19 December 2016. Passed in the Senate on 16 December 2016. Passed in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016 Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 5 September 2016 (Dec. No. 29/16). LC approved the Bill on 30 May 2016 Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 9 March 2015 (Dec. No. 11/15).
6.	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 21/2016	To repeal and replace the Seventh Schedule to further provide for income tax incentives to companies listed on the Junior Stock Market.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Governor-General's Assent on 14 December 2016. Passed in the Senate on 2 December 2016. Passed in the House of Representatives on 18 October 2016. Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 12 September 2016 (Dec. No. 30/16). LC approved the Bill on 31 August 2016. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 1 April 2016 (Dec. No. 9/16).
7.	Ministry of Justice	The Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 14/2016	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.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Governor-General's Assent on 22 August 2016. Passed in the Senate on 15 July 2016. Passed in the House of Representatives on 8 June 2016. Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 9 May 2016 (Dec. No. 15/16). LC approved the Bill on 26 April 2016. Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament. Tabled in the House of Representatives on 22 January 2016. Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 4 January 2016 (Dec. No. 1/16). LC approved the Bill on 16 December 2015. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 14 September 2015 (Dec. No. 34/15).
8.	Ministry of Justice	The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 13/2016	To provide for a verdict of not less than five jurors for non-capital murder, thereby correcting the existing anomaly that only unanimous verdicts would be acceptable in trials for non-capital murders; and that,	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Governor-General's Assent on 8 June 2016. Passed in the Senate on 27 May 2016.

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			where offences were being joined which arose out of the same facts but were subject to differing sentencing regimes, the number of peremptory challenges allowed would be four.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed in the House of Representatives on 25 May 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 2 May 2016 (Dec. No. 14/16). • LC approved the Bill on 2 May 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 25 April 2016 (Dec. No. 13/16).
9.	Ministry of Justice	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Restorative Justice) Act, 2016 Act No. 20/2016	To amend the Criminal Justice (Reform) Act, the Child Care and Protection Act, the Corrections Act and the Parole Rules to provide for the implementation of restorative justice procedures in the formal justice system.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's assent on 14 December 2016. • The House approved with the Senate's amendments on 9 November 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 3 November 2016 with twenty six (26) amendments. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 26 July 2016 with eight (8) amendments. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 6 June 2016 (Dec. No. 18/16). • LC reapproved the Bill on 6 May 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 1 February 2016 (Dec. No 5/16). • LC approved the Bill on 27 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 23 March 2015 (Dec. No. 13/15).
10.	Ministry of Justice	The Law Revision (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 17/16	To establish a set number of persons who may be appointed as Statute Law Commissioners, and to impose fixed term limits for the tenure of Commissioners.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 22 August 2016. • Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House on 14 October 2016. • House amended the Senate's amendments on 26 July 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 15 July 2016 with three (3) amendments. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 8 June 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 9 May 2016 (Dec. No. 15/16). • LC approved the Bill on 26 April 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament. • Tabled in the Senate on 22 January 2016.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 18 January 2016 (Dec. No. 3/16). • LC approved the Bill on 6 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 29 July 2013 (Dec. No. 29/13).
11.		Ministry of Labour and Social Security	The National Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 18/2016	To increase the frequency of actuarial reviews of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) to enable effective review and analysis of the fiscal conditions of the National Insurance Fund (NIF)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 18 November 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 21 November 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 19 July 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 27 June 2016 (Dec. No. 22/16). • LC approved the Bill on 8 June 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament. • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 14 December 2015 (Dec. No. 46/15). • LC approved the Bill on 2 December 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 23 March 2015 (Dec. No. 13/15),
12.		Ministry of National Security	The Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2016 Act No. 19/2016	To substitute the words 'Commissioner of Lands' for the words 'Commissioner of Land Valuation'.	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the Governor-General's Assent on 14 December 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 10 November 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 8 December 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 7 November 2016 (Dec. No. 38/16). • LC approved the Bill on 7 November 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 3 October 2016 (Dec. No. 33/16)
13.	1	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation	Partnership (General) 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).	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the Senate on 28 October 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 19 October 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • LC approved the Bill on 11 May 2016.

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14.	2	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation	Partnership (Limited) 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).	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the Senate on 28 October 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 19 October 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • LC approved the Bill on 11 May 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the Senate on 22 January 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 19 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 23 November 2015 (Dec. No. 43/15). • LC approved the Bill on 29 June 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 25 Oct. 2010 (Dec. No. 39/10).
15.	3	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Constitution (Amendment)(Established Fund) (Payment of Pensions) Bill	To amend the Constitution to provide for the payment of pensions, gratuities and allowances out of the pensions fund which will be established by the Pensions (Public Service) Act, 2016.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 26 July 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • LC approved the Bill on 6 July 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 24 November 2015. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 23 November 2015. • LC approved the Bill on 16 November 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 6 October 2014 (Dec. No. 36/14).

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16.	4	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	International Corporate and Trust Services Providers Bill	To regulate persons who would provide international corporate services and international trust services.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the Senate on 28 October 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 19 October 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • LC approved the Bill on 20 July 2016. • Bill approved by previous LC on 14 October 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 25 Oct. 2010 (Dec. No. 39/10).
17.	5	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Pensions (Public Service) Bill	To reform the arrangements for public sector pensions.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 26 July 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • LC approved the Bill on 6 July 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 24 November 2015. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 23 November 2015. • LC approved the Bill on 16 November 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 6 October 2014 (Dec. No. 36/14).
18.	6	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Public Debt Management (Amendment) Bill	To make certain provisions of the Act more detailed and more consistent with international and local standards and conform to other Acts, and to empower the Minister to appoint the Bank of Jamaica to act as the fiscal agent for the Government.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 5 December 2016 (Dec. No. 40/16). • LC approved the Bill on 2 December 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 20 November 2015 (Dec. No. 40/15).
19.	7	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Children (Guardianship and Custody) (Amendment) Bill	To implement obligations under the Hague Convention.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the Senate on 16 December 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016 with six (6) amendments. • Passed in the Senate on 22 July 2016 with twenty-two (22) amendments. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 20 June 106 (Dec. No. 20/16). • LC approved the Bill on 8 June 2016.

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20.	8	Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	Jamaica 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.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016. • Passed in the Senate on 10 November 2016 with seventy-three (73) amendments. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 7 June 2016 with one (1) amendment. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 16 May 2016 (Dec. No. 16/16). • LC approved the Bill on 6 May 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 28 July 2014 (Dec. No. 28/14).
21.	9	Ministry of Justice	Arbitration Bill	To repeal and replace the Arbitration Act, 1900 with more modern legislation that was intended to provide an effective non-judicial mechanism for settling disputes between contracting parties, and to adopt the provisions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2 November 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 31 October 2016 (Dec. No. 37/16). • LC approved the Bill on 31 October 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of revised drafting instructions on 9 June 2014 (Dec. No. 21/14). • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 27 June 2011 (Dec. No.27/11).
22.	10	Ministry of Justice	Integrity Commission (Amendment) Bill	To establish a Single Anti-Corruption Body	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 13 September 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of further drafting instructions on 29 August 2016 (Dec. No. 28/16). • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Joint Select Committee tabled its Report in the Senate on 11 December 2015. • Referred to Joint Select Committee in Senate on 21 March 2014 and in the House of Representatives on 25 March 2014. • Bill tabled in the Senate on 14 March 2014. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 3 March 2014 (Dec. No. 7/14). • LC approved the Bill on 10 January 2014.

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23.	11	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.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 21 January 2013 Dec. No. 03/13). • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 6 December 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 12 December 2016 (Dec. No. 41/16). • LC approved the Bill on 1 December 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Representatives on 18 January 2016 (Dec. No. 3/16). • LC approved the Bill on 4 February 2015. • Bill tabled in Parliament 27 September 2011, and fell off agenda when Parliament was dissolved. • Cabinet approved Bill for tabling in Parliament on 26 September 2011 (Dec. No.37/11). • LC approved the Bill on 23 September 2011. • Drafting instructions approved by Cabinet on 22 Mar. 2010 (Dec. No. 11/10).
24.	12	Ministry of Local Government and Community Development	Local Governance (Amendment) Bill;	To provide for how boundaries of a City Municipality were to be altered, that Councillors elected to a City Municipality shall not sit on the Municipal Corporation of that parish, and related matters.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 8 August 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 7 November 2016 (Dec. No. 38/16). • LC approved the Bill on 7 November 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 31 October 2016 (Dec. No. 37/16).
25.	13	Ministry of Transport and Mining	Caribbean Maritime University Bill	To establish the Caribbean Maritime Institute as a university so as to strengthen the power of the entity to confer degrees, awards, certificates, diplomas and other academic distinctions.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 July 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 20 June 2016 (Dec. No. 20/16). • LC approved the Bill on 6 May 2016. • Previous LC approved the Bill on 6 January 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 16 December 2013 (Dec. No. 42/13).
26.	14	Ministry of Transport and Mining	Road Traffic Bill	To repeal and replace the current Road Traffic Act and Regulations (1938) and Companion Acts and Regulations; and to establish the Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 13 September 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 12 September 2016 (Dec. No. 30/16).

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC approved the Bill on 10 September 2016. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the Senate on 12 November 2016. • Passed in the House of Representatives on 10 November 2015 with two (2) amendments. • Referred to Joint Select Committee on 18 June 2014 (House of Representatives) and 27 June 2014 (Senate). • Bill tabled in the House of Representatives on 4 June 2014. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 2 June 2014 (Dec. No. 20/14). • LC approved the Bill on 9 April 2014. • Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on 6 September 1999 (Dec. No 27/99).
27.	15	Ministry of Transport and Mining	Transport Authority (Collection of Fees) (Validation and Indemnity) 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.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 6 July 2016. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 27 June 2016 (Dec. No. 22/16). • LC approved the Bill on 8 June 2016. • Bill approved by previous LC on 2 December 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 15 June 2015 (Dec. No. 23/15).
28.	1	Ministry of National Security	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the incorporation of the Island Special Constabulary Force into the Jamaica Constabulary Force and to provide for connected matters.	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 19 September 2016 (Dec. No. 31/ 16). • LC approved the Bill on 31 August 2016. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 24 February 2014 (Dec. No. 6/14).
29.	1	Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport	Sexual Harassment Bill	To address concerns surrounding sexual harassment in general, and in particular, in the workplace.	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill being reviewed by the Ministry for resubmission to LC. • Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament • Tabled in the House of Representatives on 8 December 2015. • Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 7 December 2015 (Dec. No. 45/15). • LC approved the Bill on 4 December 2015. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 22 April 2014 (Dec. No. 14/14).

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30.	2	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	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.	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LC approved the draft Bill on 9 September 2016. Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament Tabled in the House of Representatives on 15 September 2015. Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 14 September 2015. LC approved the Bill on 19 August 2015. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 20 January 2012 (Dec No. 4/12).
31.	3	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	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.	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament Referred to Joint Select Committee in House of Representatives on 7 July 2015 and in the Senate on 17 July 2015. Tabled in the House of Representatives on 30 June 2015. Cabinet approved the Bill for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 29 June 2015 (Dec. No. 25/15). LC approved the Bill on 26 June 2015. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 1 June 2015 (Dec. No. 22/15)
32.	4	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	The Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill; The Property Tax (Amendment) Bill; The Land Valuation (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Acts to assist in maximising property tax revenue and facilitate the legitimate recognition of the part played by Local Government in the administration of property taxes.	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approved the Bills for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 12 December 2016 (Dec. No. 41/16). LC approved the draft Bills on 1 December 2016. Not passed before the dissolution of Parliament Bills tabled in the House of Representatives on 24 February 2015. Cabinet approved the Bills for tabling in the Houses of Parliament on 16 February 2015 (Dec. No. 8/15). LC approved the Bill on 14 January 2015. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 3 March 2014 (Dec. No. 7/14).
33.	5	Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	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.	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Bill is being reviewed following change of administration. LC approved the draft Bill on 27 November 2015. Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on 7 March 1994 (Dec. No. 9/94).

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34.	1	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation	Facilities for Titles (Amendment) Bill	To improve the framework, use the adjudication process under this Act to assist in resolving root of title issues for land owners who have no documentary proof of ownership, and update penalties.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that the draft Bill is being prepared by the CPC. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 19 November 2012 (Dec. No. 40/12).
35.	2	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation	Registration of Titles Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill	To improve the legislative framework and address issues pertaining to root of titles, and enable more land owners to apply to register their land.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that a draft Bill is being reviewed by stakeholders. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 13 October 2014 (Dec. No. 37/14).
36.	3	Ministry of Education, Youth and Information	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.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting finalised draft Bill for submission to Cabinet. Draft Bill was being reviewed by the Legislation Committee but lapsed. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 19 December 2006 (Dec. No. 44/06).
37.	4	Ministry of Education, Youth and Information	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.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that an amended draft Bill (provided by the CPC in March 2015) is being reviewed. Draft Bill provided by the CPC on 17 February 2012. Drafting Instructions issued to OPC 14 August 2009. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 6 July 2009 (Dec. No. 27/09).
38.	5	Ministry of Education, Youth and Information	Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission Bill	To provide for the establishment of a national oversight body for tertiary education in Jamaica (J-TEC).	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that it is awaiting a draft Bill from the CPC. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 10 January 2011 (Dec. No. 1/11).
39.	6	Ministry of Education, Youth and Information	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.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that it is reviewing a draft Bill. Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on 15 August 2011 (Dec. No. 31/11)
40.	7	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Microfinance Bill	To strengthen the legislative framework for money lending institutions and money service businesses.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approved the continuation of the drafting of the legislation by the CPC on 5 December 2016 (Dec. No. 40/16). Bill being drafted by CPC. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 2 September 2013 (Dec. No. 31/13).

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41.	8	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Public Bodies Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Bill [includes amendment the constituent Acts of various statutory bodies]	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.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that a draft Bill is being reviewed by the Public Enterprises Division. Further instructions to CPC will be required to address the concerns raised by the Permanent Secretaries' Board.
42.	9	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Public Accountancy (Amendment) Bill	To improve and strengthen the effectiveness of the accountancy profession.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that further drafting instructions were issued in October 2013 and the draft Bill is currently being revised. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions of 4 June 2012 (Dec. No. 20/12).
43.	10	Ministry of Health	Opticians (Amendment) Bill	To modernise and properly regulate the industry.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that further drafting instructions are to be forwarded to the CPC. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 24 August 2015 (Dec. No. 31/15).
44.	11	Ministry of Health	Pharmacy (Validation and Indemnity of Functions of the Registration Appeal Tribunal) Bill	To validate and confirm acts done in good faith by the Tribunal in carrying out their functions under the Act and to indemnify persons from liability in respect of such acts for the period 3 August 2011 to 6 November 2011.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that it is awaiting a draft Bill from the CPC. Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions of 7 July 2011 (Dec. No. 42/11).
45.	12	Ministry of Health	Registration (Birth and Death) Amendment Bill	To make provision for the compulsory registration of the names of unmarried fathers.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that it is awaiting the draft Bill from the CPC. Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 26 April 2011 (Dec. No. 19/11).
46.	13	Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	Fishing Industry Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act for the better management of the fishing industry	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry reports that it is reviewing a revised draft Bill. Cabinet approved the issue of additional drafting instructions on 16 June 2014 (Dec. No. 22/14). Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 24 July 2000 (Dec. No. 25/00).
47.	14	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	Occupational Safety and Health Bill	To provide for the establishment of safety and health standards for all places in which economic activity is undertaken	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further draft of Bill received January 2016. After consultation with key stakeholders including the AGC further drafting instructions were issued to the CPC in March 2016. Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on 29 March 1999 (Dec. No.11/99).

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48.	15	Ministry of National Security	Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency Bill	To give effect to the establishment of a new law enforcement Agency (Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Bill to be sent to the AGC and the Legal Reform Department for comments • The Bill has been drafted and has been reviewed internally by the Ministry. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 23 February 2015 (Dec. No. 9/15).
49.	16	Ministry of National Security	Noise Abatement (Amendment) Bill	To allow for the establishment of Parish Extension Committees for the purpose of granting time extension on permits for entertainment events	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry reports that a final draft Bill have been received from the CPC and reviewed internally. The Bill has been sent to the AGC for comments. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 15 December 2014 (Dec. No. 44/14).
50.	17	Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology	Petroleum (Landing and Storage) Bill	To modernise and update the legislation.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry reports that the CPC is finalising the amendments. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 1 May 2013 (Dec. No. 17/13).
51.	18	Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology	Petroleum (Quality Control) Bill	To review and amend the current licensing mechanisms and penalties associated with the Act to ensure appropriate enforcement of safety standards.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry reports that a draft Bill has been received from the CPC and further drafting instructions are being prepared. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 1 May 2013 (Dec. No. 17/13).
52.	19	Ministry of Transport and Mining	Maritime Labour Convention Bill	To give effect to the Maritime Labour Convention; and to amend related laws so as to provide for the right of seafarers to decent living and working standards on ships as well as the right to medical, care, repatriation, and social protection.	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill being drafted by CPC. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 28 October 2013 (Dec. No. 38/13).
53.	1	Ministry of Education, Youth and Information	Education (Amendment) Bill	To provide for consequential amendment to legislation to ensure alignment with the reforms recommended in the Task Force Report on Educational Reform (2004) under the Education System Transformation Programme.	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry report that drafting instructions were issued to the CPC and further drafting instructions have been requested. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 13 December 2014 (Dec. No. 39/04).
54.	1	Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation	Jamaica Promotions Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the issue of licences in relation to the Motion Picture Industry.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 31 October 2016 (Dec. No. 37/16).
55.	2	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Professional Engineers Registration (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to address issues relating to registration, annual practising certificated and prescribed fees and penalties.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry reports that it is currently finalising its drafting instructions. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 29 June 2015 (Dec. No. 25/15).

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56.	3	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill	To enable a change in responsibility for the Special Economic Zones from the Ministry responsible for Industry to the Minister responsible for Special Economic Zones.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 10 October 2016 (Dec. No. 34/16).
57.	4	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Assets Tax (Specified Bodies) (Amendment) Bill	To validate the collection of the Assets Tax, and indemnify the Government and all persons acting on behalf of the Government in collecting the Assets Tax.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16).
58.	5	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	General Consumption Tax (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to facilitate an expanded deferment facility to include locally acquired packaging material sourced by certified manufacturers, to clarify the rate of interest applicable to arrears of taxes; to create a regime to treat with tax incurred prior to the commencement of the taxable activity and amend the First and Second Schedules.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instruction on 7 November 2016 (Dec. No. 38/16).
59.	6	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Governor-General (Expenditure, Personal Staff, Tax Exemptions and Pensions)(Amendment) Bill	To establish a percentage differential between the salary of the office of the Governor-General and that of the Chief Justice.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 12 September 20156 (Dec. No. 30/16).
60.	7	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Guest Accommodation Room Tax Bill	To validate the collect of, and enact permanent legislation to give effect to, the Guest Accommodation Room Tax, and to indemnify the Government and All persons who acted on behalf of the Government in collection thereof, and to amend the General Consumption Tax Act to exclude the Guest Accommodation Room Tax from the taxable base.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instruction on 25 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16).
61.	8	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, Transfer Tax (Amendment) Bill, Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the exemption of taxation in relation to the redemption, purchase or acquisition by other means by a listed company of its own shares.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 5 September 2016 (Dec. No. 29/16).
62.	9	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	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.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 26 July 2016 (Dec. No. 25/16). • Drafting instructions were approved by the previous Cabinet on 9 March 2015 (Dec. No. 11/15).
63.	10	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	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.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 10 June 2013 (Dec. No. 22/13).
64.	11	Ministry of Health	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Act to bring it into conformity with the Disabilities Act and international human rights standards, to allow for the reform of mental health service delivery, to make provision for forensic mental health services and to provide for additional sanctions for breaching the Act.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 5 December 2016 (Dec. No. 40/16).

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65.	12	Ministry of Justice	Constitution (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the appointment of temporary judges to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 12 December 2016 (Dec. No. 41/16).
66.	13	Ministry of Justice	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements)(Amendment) Bill	To provide for the reform of law relating to plea negotiations and agreements.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 31 October 2016 (Dec. No. 37/16).
67.	14	Ministry of Justice	Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill Evidence (Amendment) Bill	To enable drug samples and photographs of evidence to be received as evidence of large exhibits in Court Proceedings.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 21 March 2016 (Dec. No. 8/16). • The issue of drafting instructions was approved by the previous Cabinet on 21 March 2016 (Dec. No. 8/16).
68.	15	Ministry of Justice	Independent Commission of Investigations (Amendment) Bill	To amend the act to implement the recommendations of the Joint Select committee of Parliament.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 12 September 2016 (Dec. No. 30/16).
69.	16	Ministry of National Security	Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) (Amendment) Bill; Child Care and Protection (Amendment) Bill	To enable specific offences under the Acts to be tried without a Jury, and to amend the Child Care and Protect Act to increase the penalty for the sale or trafficking of children.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 22 August 2016 (Dec. No. 27/16).
70.	17	Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology	Data Protection Bill	To implement a regime to protect the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data and regulate the collection, processing, keeping, use and disclosure of information relating to individuals.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry reports that a draft Bill has been received from the CPC and further drafting instructions are being prepared. • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 17 December 2012 (Dec. No. 44/12).
71.	18	Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology	Telecommunications (Spectrum Regulatory Fees) (Validation and Indemnification) Bill	To validate and indemnify actions of the Spectrum Management Authority in charging regulatory fees in a manner not prescribed for the period April 2004 to March 2016.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 5 September 2016.
72.	19	Ministry of Tourism	Tourist Board (Amendment) Bill	To transfer the licensing function from the Tourist Board to Ministry of Tourism and state explicit requirements for the licensing of a tourism enterprise.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 14 December 2015 (Dec. No. 46/15).
73.	20	Ministry of Tourism	Tourism Workers Pension Scheme Bill	To establish a defined contribution pension scheme for tourism workers.	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 12 December 2016 (Dec. No. 41/16).
74.	21	Ministry of Transport and Mining	Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill	To comprehensively review the Act in order to strengthen the provisions in keeping with Jamaica's continued compliance with the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention, 1944).	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on 11 July 2016.

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