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### REPORTING STATUS FOR STATUTORY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMPANIES

This Ministry Paper seeks to provide this Honourable House with a status report on the submission by Government entities of Annual Reports to Parliament in respect of the 2009/2010 Financial Year.

The Public Bodies Management and Accountability (PBMA) Act requires each public body (i.e. each statutory agency and government-owned company) to submit to the relevant Minister *within four months of the end of each financial year*, its Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements. The Minister shall thereafter cause such reports and statements to be laid on the Table in the Houses of Parliament.

The Honourable House is being asked to note that Annual Reports for the 2009/2010 Financial Year were to be submitted by the end of July 2010. As at 31 December 2010, no Annual Reports for the 2009/2010 Financial Year were submitted to Parliament, excepting for that of the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) and the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ). The BOJ and PIOJ which present their Annual Reports by calendar year, rather than financial year, are therefore current as their Reports for the 2009 Calendar Year were submitted to Parliament in April and December 2010, respectively.

The table below provides a comparison of Annual Reports tabled in Parliament for the financial years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 as at 31 July 2010 and 31 December 2010, respectively.

Status	Submission to Parliament as at 31 July 2010 (in respect of the 2008/2009 financial year)		Submission to Parliament as at 31 December 2010 (in respect of the 2009/2010 financial year)	
	No. of Public Bodies	%	No. of Public Bodies	%
Current	19	12	2	1
One Year Outstanding	32	21	29	19
Two Years Outstanding	25	16	32	20
Three Years Outstanding	16	10	16	10
Four Years Outstanding	14	9	16	10
5 to 9 Years Outstanding	7	4	18	12
10 Years and Over Outstanding	7	4	8	5
No Record of Tabling in Parliament	36	23	36	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>100</b>

The Honourable House is being asked to note that there is an increase in the number of entities being reported on due to the addition of the General Legal Council. The table above shows that as at 31 July 2010, only 19 public bodies (12%) were compliant with regard to the tabling of Annual Reports for the 2008/2009 financial year; one (1) full year after the timeframe stipulated by the PBMA Act.

In respect of the 2009/2010 financial year, there was only 1% compliance six months after the due date for submission of Reports for that year, with only 2 public bodies tabling Annual Reports in Parliament as at 31 December 2010.

The overall reporting status of statutory agencies and government companies in respect of the submission to Parliament of their Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements for 2009/2010 and prior years, as at 31 December 2010, is provided in the attached Appendix.

As shown in the Appendix, some of the entities have submitted reports to Parliament without reference to Cabinet and some have been tardy in submitting reports to Parliament after consideration by Cabinet.

This Honourable House is asked to note the status of the Annual Reports that have been submitted to Parliament to date and the undertaking that it will be kept up-to-date on the progress of these public entities towards compliance.



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