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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
<b>PASSED</b>						
1	1	MFP	Appropriations Act, 2003	To provide for expenditure for 2003/2004	1	
<b>TABLED/TO BE RETABLED</b>						
1.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.1)	Removal of grant & loan making functions of Board	2	Tabled in the House on December 3, 2002 and passed on December 17, 2002. Tabled in the Senate on December 20, 2002. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation.
2.	2	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board	To establish Dairy Development Board	2	Reintroduced in House 2002/04/18. Fell of Order Paper at dissolution of Parliament. Not reintroduced in new Parliament.
3.	3	MCST	Companies Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act	2	Reintroduced in the Senate and referred to Committee on 2002/5/03. Committee report tabled in Senate on 2002/09/20. Fell from Order Paper on dissolution of Parliament. Not reintroduced in new Parliament. On March 24, 2003, Cabinet instructed that new Bill incorporating the accepted recommendations from the Senate Committee Report be tabled in the House of Representative along with the Report.
4.	4	MFP	Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ	2	Reintroduced in the House on 2002/12/03 and passed on 2002/12/10. Tabled in Senate 2002/12/13. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation.
5.	5	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission	2	Reintroduced in House on 2002/04/18 and referred to Joint Select Committee of House and Senate on 2002/05/14 and 2002/05/31, respectively. Fell from Order Paper at dissolution. Reintroduced in House and referred to Joint Select Committee on 2003/01/21 and 2003/01/24, respectively. Fell from the Order Paper at prorogation.
6.	6	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties	2	Before Joint select Committee since 2000. Reintroduced in House and referred to Joint select Committee of House and Senate on 2002/06/04 and

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						2002/05/07 respectively. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation. Not reintroduced in new Parliament. Ministry to discuss matter with Real Estate Board
7.	7	MLGCDS	Municipalities Act, 2003	To provide for the establishment of municipalities and for connected matters	2	Tabled in Lower House April 22, 2003 [First tabled in House on 2002/02/25. Referred to Joint Select Committee on 2003/02/28. Two meetings held. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation].
8.	8	MOJ	Charter of Rights (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution - Charter of Rights	2	Tabled in Lower House April 29, 2003 [Reintroduced in House 2002/04/30. Debate on Report of Joint Select Committee commenced in House 2002/06/04. Fell from Order Paper on dissolution].
9.	9	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police	2	Before Joint Select Committee. Committee met on 2002/12/13. Referred to Solicitor General for opinion. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation.
10.	10	MOJ	Family Property (Right of Spouses) Bill	To provide for division of property on termination of cohabitation	2	Reintroduced to the Senate on 2002/05/03 and referred to Joint Select Committee of Senate and House on 2002/05/03 and 2002/05/07 respectively. Fell from Order Paper on dissolution of Parliament. Reintroduced in the Senate and referred to Joint Select Committee on 2003/01/24 and 2003/01/28. Fell from Order Paper at prorogation.
11.	11	MOJ	Judicature (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	2	Passed in Senate on 2003/01/24.  Tabled in House on 2003/01/28. Fell from the Order Paper at prorogation.
12.	12	MWH	Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 2003	To give effect to certain decisions relating to the licensing of water users' associations to carry out irrigation functions.	2	Passed in House on 2003/03/25. Tabled in Senate on 2003/03/28. Fell off Order Paper at prorogation.

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<b>APPROVED BY CABINET FOR TABLING</b>						
13.	1	MFP	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Bill (No 2)	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	3	Approved for tabling by Cabinet on 2003/01/27
14.	2	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for collection of tax payable in respect of services rendered by non-resident to a registered tax payer	3	Approved for tabling by Cabinet on March 3, 2003
15.	3	MNS	Finger Print s (Amendment) Bill	To introduce mandatory identification requirement for certain scheduled offences	3	Bill approved for tabling by Cabinet on March 31, 2003.
<b>CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE</b>						
16.	1	MFP	Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To make provision for the requirement for the authorisation and operation of remittance companies	4	Approved by LC May 1, 2003 subject to AG signing off on penalties
17.	2	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	Change fee for processing applications	4	Draft Bill approved by LC. May 1, 2003
18.	3	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	Establishment of fund (CHASE) for beneficiaries–monetary contributions to be paid by lottery operators; composition of Board.	4	Draft Bill approved by LC January 9, 2003. Further amendments to be considered by LC.
19.	4	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	4	Draft bill with Ministry for submission to Cabinet.
20.	5	MFP	Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.	4	Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to Cabinet.
21.	6	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To strengthen evidence gathering powers	4	Draft Bill approved by LC January 9, 2003, subject to the AG signing off on it. Further instructions received by CPC April 8, 2003.
22.	7	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To strengthen compliance provisions	4	Approved by LC 2003/01/02
23.	8	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish regime of tax incentives to encourage development of non-metal mining sector.	4	Approved by LC May 1, 2003
24.	9	MFP	Pensions (Amendment) Bill	To increase gratuity to dependents of public officers who die on duty - in line with pension benefits for security/police officers killed in line of duty	4	Draft Bill approved by LC November 21, 2002. Ministry to submit Bill to Cabinet.
25.	10	MFP	Pensions (Parochial Officers) (Amendment) Bill	To increase gratuity to dependents of public officers who die on duty - in line with pension benefits for security/police	4	Draft Bill approved by LC November 21, 2002. Ministry to submit Bill to Cabinet.

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				officers killed in line of duty		
26.	11	MFP	Pensions (Teachers) (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	4	Draft Bill approved by LC November 21, 2002. Ministry to submit Bill to Cabinet.
27.	12	MH	Health Facilities (Medical Laboratories) Bill	Establishment of Medical Laboratories Council to define, regulate and control activities of all medical laboratories	4	Approved by LC subject to amendment of the policy relating to the first Schedule and tabling of the Regulations along with the Bill.
28.	13	MH	Nursing Homes Registration (Amendment) Bill	To extend definition of nursing homes; provide for renewal of registration; provide for inspection of nursing homes.	4	Approved by LC May 1, 2003
29.	14	MLE	Beach Control (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties & update Act	4	Approved by LC. Bill to be submitted to Cabinet.
30.	15	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act	4	Approved by Legislation Committee Feb 22, 2002
31.	16	MOJ	Terrorism Prevention Bill	To implement Security Council Resolution 1373 on Terrorism and conventions relating to terrorism	4	Bill before LC since April 2, 2003.
32.	17	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 3)	To implement the government water sector policy	4	Approved by LC with amendment..
<b>DRAFTING STAGE</b>						
33.	1	MA	Agricultural Produce (Amendment) Bill	To curb praedial larceny—provision for receipt book system; To provide for increase in fines and penalties and to give minister power to amend the fines & penalties in the Act by order, subject to affirmative resolution	5	The Attorney General's comments, re policy relating to domestic use, have recently been received. Draft Bill to be resubmitted to LC.
34.	2	MA	Banana Industry (Amendment) Bill	Restructuring of administrative framework	5	Draft being finalised
35.	3	MA	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Restructuring of administrative framework	5	CPC awaiting further instructions
36.	4	MA	Fishing Industry Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	Awaiting advice from the Attorney General on the revised Draft Bill.
37.	5	MCST	CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality Act	Jamaica's membership in the CARICOM organisation	5	Draft Bill circulated to Ministries and the AG for comments
38.	6	MCST	Consumer Protection Bill	To establish Consumer Affairs Commission, enabling disclosure of consumer information and the promotion of product safety	5	Being drafted. CPC received further drafting instructions on April 8, 2003.
39.	7	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement	5	Draft bill with Ministry.
40.	8	MCST	Food Storage & Prevention of Infestation (Amendment) Act	To facilitate increased penalties & empower the FSPI Division to disinfect any article under its jurisdiction	5	

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41.	9	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act	5	Draft bill with Ministry
42.	10	MCST	Petroleum (Marketing Franchise) Bill	To provide for regulation of marketing companies	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. The retailers and marketers have met and discussions are taking place for creation of a code of conduct instead of legislation.
43.	11	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum	5	Approved with amendments by LC on July 11, 2002. Further drafting instructions being prepared.
44.	12	MCST	Petroleum and Oil Fuel (Landing and Storage) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the regulation of the Petroleum Sector as it pertains to the storage of petroleum. Bureau of Standards to be responsible for testing imported petroleum.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Further drafting instructions being prepared.
45.	13	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
46.	14	MCST	Protection of Geographical Indications Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS	5	Ministry awaiting comments of AG on Draft prepared by CPC
47.	15	MCST	Protection of New Plant Varieties Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS	5	Being drafted.
48.	16	MCST	Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Bill	To give recognition to developments in e-commerce (relating to registration), provide for increase in penalties, provide for registration of business name by Company, provision for disposal of records, disclosure of information	5	Draft being finalised  (Companion Bill to Companies Act)
49.	17	MEYC	Early Childhood Bill	To provide framework for all aspects for early childhood education, care and development	5	Being drafted
50.	18	MEYC	Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill National Library of Jamaica Bill	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica	5	Being drafted. (Cabinet gave approval Feb 18, 2002, for issue of drafting instructions)
51.	19	MEYC	Overseas Examinations Commission Bill	Establishment of Statutory Board	5	Draft Bill being finalised for submission to LC
52.	20	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention	5	Review of First draft completed by Ministry. Awaiting response from Attorney General
53.	21	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention	5	Being drafted. (Drafting instructions approved 2003/01/20)
54.	22	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Draft being reviewed.
55.	23	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Being drafted

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56.	24	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention	5	Draft being reviewed by Ministry. A number of companion Acts being reviewed by MNS: Firearms Act, Gunpowder & Explosives Act and UN Protocol on Arms Trafficking and broader effort to enact anti-terrorism legislation.
57.	25	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by MFAFT & ICENS. MFAFT awaiting ICENS response before submission to LC.
58.	26	MFP	Building Societies (Amendment) Bill	To amend definition of regulated or supervised financial institution, provide penalties for offences	5	Being drafted
59.	27	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
60.	28	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To increase fines and penalties under the Act	5	Draft Bill sent to Ministry for consideration – March 24, 2003.
61.	29	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Reduction of period re sale of motor vehicles by U-drive operator.	5	Draft Bill with (TASD) Ministry.
62.	30	MFP	Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill	To amend definition of regulated or supervised financial institutions.	5	Being drafted
63.	31	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration, February 24, 2003.
64.	32	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To make Act conform with National Pensions Act	5	First draft received. Further drafting instructions to be issued. Awaiting National Pensions Bill.
65.	33	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act	5	CPC is awaiting further drafting instructions.
66.	34	MFP	Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill	To allow institutions supervised by the BoJ & the FSC, as well as entities established through a body corporate by the GoJ, to be exempt from the provisions of the Act, thereby giving legal recourse where unsophisticated persons face loan sharks.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
67.	35	MFP	Moneylending (Amendment) Bill	To exempt institutions licensed under the Securities Act and the Financial Institutions Act from the provisions of this Act.	5	Being drafted.
68.	36	MFP	National Pensions Bill	Regulation of National Pension Scheme	5	Draft of National Pensions Bill received. Further drafting instructions issued to CPC and comments being incorporated into draft Bill.

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69.	37	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for increased pension	5	Redraft being examined by Ministry
70.	38	MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) Licensing & Registration Bill	Registration of superannuation funds, retirement schemes & trustees, licensing of admin & investment managers	5	Revised Bill being reviewed
71.	39	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).	5	Order under the Provisional Collection of Tax in place for 2003/2004. Drafting instructions to be sent to CPC for permanent legislation once the policy is settled.
72.	40	MFP	Public Accountancy (Amendment) Bill	To update Act to current standards in the profession.	5	Comments of AG being incorporated
73.	41	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Tax Exemptions) (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of Tax concessions granted to certain public bodies	5	Ministry considering draft.
74.	42	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts for Parliamentarians	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
75.	43	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Councillors) Bill	To provide retirement benefits for councillors	5	Ministry awaiting amendment to draft Bill.
76.	44	MFP	Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To extend use of TRN to persons other than taxpayers or persons transacting business with a Revenue Department, and in the case of minors, to allow for the parent or legal guardian to make application on their behalf; provide for penalties in respect of fraud & misrepresentation regarding TRN applications & use.	5	Draft Bill being revised.
77.	45	MFP	Revenue Administration (Special Provision) Bill	Linking Tax Compliance with The Granting of Licences and Certification. To make it a prerequisite for the acquisition of a Tax Compliance Certificate in order to obtain licences and professional certification	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
78.	46	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to section 26.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions. (Cabinet approved drafting instructions on March 3, 2003)
79.	47	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers	5	Second draft with Ministry.
80.	48	MH	Child Care and Protection Bill	To enable Jamaica to fulfil its commitment to ensure that the Principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child are fully incorporated in national legislation	5	The Ministry is currently finalising its position in regards to comments from the AG's Dept., Legal Reform Department and other ministries.
81.	49	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process	5	New Draft Bill being finalised by CPC.

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82.	50	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill	(i) To include and define over-the-counter products and (ii) five new categories of substances for human consumption	5	Chief Medical Officer is finalising his comments on the Draft Bill.
83.	51	MH	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in line with National Health Services Act	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by MOH.
84.	52	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To establish Nurse Practitioners Council to regulate, control & monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioners	5	The ministry is reviewing the first draft of the Bill.
85.	53	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Biennial renewal of registration	5	Comments received from the Nursing Council. Ministry. Further drafting instructions issued to the CPC.
86.	54	MH	Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products	5	Being drafted. Cabinet approval given June 11, 2001.
87.	55	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by the ministry.
88.	56	MIT	International Finance Company Agreement (Income Tax Relief) (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	Widen scope of legislation to include professional services and other business services in addition to financial services	5	With Ministry
89.	57	MLE	Cadastral Mapping, Tenure Clarification/Registration of Titles Bill	Improving administrative framework re ministerial responsibilities re land tenure & to facilitate activities of LAMP	5	Final draft Bill sent to Ministry
90.	58	MLE	Land Surveyors Bill	To facilitate cadastral work required for implementation of LAMP	5	Draft Bill submitted to Ministry—February 11, 2003. Draft being reviewed.
91.	59	MLE	Natural Resources and Conservation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To accommodate new categories of protected areas etc	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
92.	60	MLE	Town & Country Planning Bill	Repeal & replacement of Act	5	The clause-by-clause review of draft Bill completed. New drafting instructions to be issued.
93.	61	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) and Public Health (Amendment) Bill	To make both conform to Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5	Draft Bill approved by LC January 2, 2003. Cabinet has requested a further review of the Bill. The Legal & Institutional Steering Committee (LIRSC) of the Ministry is doing this.
94.	62	MLGCDS	Public Health (Amendment) Bill	To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5	Draft Bill returned to CPC.
95.	63	MLSS	National Insurance Bill (No 1)	To enable increases in benefits to be implemented by Minister by Order	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
96.	64	MLSS	National Insurance Bill (No 2)	(i) To give legal effect to benefits paid w.e.f. 1998/09/07 (ii) To give legal effect to benefits paid w.e.f. 2001/04/01	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.

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				(iii) To pay orphan's benefit to all minors/children where at least one parent was insured under NIS Act; iv) To increase sum recoverable in a civil claim where employer's failure to pay contribution results in loss of NIS benefit		
97.	65	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace	5	Draft Bill being revised.
98.	66	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.	5	Awaiting further instructions.
99.	67	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of municipal policing	5	Bill being drafted.
100.	68	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties	5	Draft with Ministry
101.	69	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency	5	Draft Bill being considered awaiting AG's comments.
102.	70	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill (1)	To set out additional procedures in application for pardoning in capital cases; To amend section 91 (prisons conditions) and section 17 (mandatory death sentence) of the Constitution	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
103.	71	MOJ	Contempt Bill	Maximum sentences for contempt	5	Ministry reviewing revised draft
104.	72	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	Introduction of Court Reporters.	5	Draft sent to Ministry
105.	73	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill (1)	To allow for plea bargaining	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
106.	74	MOJ	Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill	To make legislation more effective	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Ministry examining a number of policy issues.
107.	75	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers	5	Draft Bill being circulated for comments.
108.	76	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers	5	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions September 2, 2002 Draft Bill with Ministry.
109.	77	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations concerning majority verdicts for non-capital murder in trials for capital murder; provide for majority of nine jurors in a trial of issue etc.	5	Submitted to Legislation Committee. Deferred by LC. CPC awaiting further instructions.
110.	78	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) Amendment	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers	5	Draft Bill being circulated for comments
111.	79	MOJ	Maintenance Bill	To confer obligations on spouses and certain family members to maintain specified family members	5	Draft bill circulated for comments
112.	80	MOJ	Obscene Publications	To increase fines & custodial sentences	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry.

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114.	82	MTW	Civil Aviation Bill (Amendment)	To increase powers of the Authority	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
115.	83	MTW	International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Co-operation Bill	To give effect to the Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Co-operation	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
116.	84	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment)	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatisation of railway operations	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
117.	85	MTW	Main Roads (Amendment) Bill	To allow for: (i) collection for damage to road furniture from offenders (ii) increased fines and removal of fines to schedule	5	Ministry reviewing Draft Bill.
118.	86	MTW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Stakeholders being considered.
119.	87	MTW	New Montreal Convention on Airline Liability Bill	Ratification of New Montreal Convention of Airline Liabilities	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
120.	88	MTW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	Draft Bill is being reviewed
121.	89	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (KMTR)	Legal framework for public transport in Corporate Area	5	Awaiting revised Draft Bill from CPC.
122.	90	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (Rural Areas)	To strengthen Transport Authority legal capacity in exercise of its function	5	Awaiting revised Draft Bill from CPC.
123.	91	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	Provision for weighing of vehicles	5	Draft Bill is being amended
124.	92	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body	5	Draft Bill is being reviewed
125.	93	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	5	Draft Bill is being reviewed
126.	94	MTW	Shipping Pollution and Control Bill	To implement for several international conventions	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry. Maritime Authority of Jamaica is perusing latest draft.
127.	95	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.1)	Validation of collection of fees	5	Draft Bill is being reviewed
128.	96	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.2)	To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	5	Draft Bill is being finalised.
129.	97	MWH	Flood Control Water (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and NWA	5	Draft with Ministry.
130.	98	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 1)	To bring Act in line with OUR and update penalties	5	CPC preparing revised draft.
131.	99	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and NWA	5	Draft with Ministry.
132.	100	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry. CPC awaiting further instructions

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133.	101	OPM	National Housing Trust (Amendment) Bill	To replace the word " cash grant" with "contribution refund"; to authorise Trust to disburse to beneficiaries of deceased contributions; to discontinue use of home bonds etc; To amend for penalty for non-payment; To allow for fines for employees for non-compliance etc.	5	Draft Bill being revised based on feedback from stakeholders
<b>DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED</b>						
134.	1	MH	Medical (Amendment) Bill	To provide for increase in number of non-medical persons on the Medical Council; to increase the number of elected Registered Medical Practitioners from 6 to 8; to update the payable fees under the Act; to require every applicant for a Practising Certificate to fulfil requirements for Continuing Medical Education	6	Cabinet approved issuing of additional drafting instructions to the CPC on September 2, 2002. Drafting instructions issued in January 2003
<b>CABINET APPROVAL GRANTED FOR ISSUE OF DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS</b>						
135.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.2)	Write off bad and doubtful debts	7	Awaiting Drafting Instructions
136.	2	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty	7	Drafting instructions approved by Cabinet 2001/10/22. CPC awaiting further instructions.
137.	3	MCST	Electronic Commerce Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on April 7, 2003. It is to be given priority treatment to allow for tabling in Parliament within the first quarter of the financial year 2003/2004
138.	4	MFP	Banking (Amendment) Financial Institutions (Amendment) Building Societies (Amendment)	To correct various errors and omissions in these Acts which were amended as part of the conditionalities for the Financial Sector Restructuring Programme supported by loans from IDB, CDB and IBRD	7	Cabinet gave approval for issue of drafting instructions March 3, 2003
139.	5	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	7	CPC awaiting instructions.
140.	6	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from Dominican Republic	7	Approval for drafting instructions—July 30, 2001.
141.	7	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment ) Bill	To provide for establishment of Audit Committees in all ministries sand departments	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions April 28, 2003

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142.	8	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Collection of tax on imported motor vehicles	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions following Cabinet approval September 16, 2002
143.	9	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment)	To allow for more effective regulation of long term savings instruments	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions April 28, 2003
144.	10	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Bonus share issue	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
145.	11	MFP	Road Traffic (Amendment)	To eliminate payment of additional motor vehicle licence duty on existing motor vehicle licence where there was an increase or variation of rates	7	Cabinet gave approval March 10, 2003 for issue of drafting instructions
146.	12	MH	National Health Fund Bill	To establish National Health Insurance Plan	7	At meeting of April 7, 2003, Cabinet approved the issue of additional drafting instructions to make changes to the draft Bill according to the Sub-committee recommendations for financing the Health Fund.
147.	13	MH	Food Storage & Prevention of Infestation (Amendment)	To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) to provide the PCA with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators	7	Cabinet approved the issue of drafting instructions on March 24, 2003. Regulations to Pesticide Act to be amended.
148.	14	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To provide for the new Unified Benefits Programme	7	Approval of HRC ratified by Cabinet April 28, for drafting instructions.
149.	15	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry (Amendment) Bill	Recommendations from Enquiry into Forced Removal of Montego Bay Street People	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
150.	16	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry (Amendment) Bill	Recommendations of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
151.	17	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To implement Agreement establishing Caribbean Court of Justice consequent on Ratification of Agreement	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions March 24, 2003
152.	18	MOJ	Coroner's Amendment Bill (No. 2)	To expedite the disposition of cases involving coroner's cases and give coroners greater control over the system, formalise existing procedure re observers at post-mortem examinations	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions March 31, 2003
153.	19	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill (2)	To provide for the change in the name of "Criminal Lunatics"	7	Cabinet gave approval April 28, 2003 for issue of drafting instructions

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154.	20	MOJ	Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill	Competence and conduct of Attorneys at Law	7	Matter to be resubmitted to Cabinet after Law Reform Unit takes into account responses of Bar Associations. Proposal submitted to General Legal Council for comments.
155.	21	MTW	International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage	To allow for Jamaica's accession to Convention	7	Cabinet gave approval March 10, 2003 for issue of drafting instructions
156.	22	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill	To ensure financial accountability to management of Govt. funds	7	CPC awaiting further drafting instructions
157.	23	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 2)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
158.	24	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.

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