

**LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2004/2005
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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
PASSED BY PARLIAMENT				
1.		CO	Executive Agencies (Amendment) Act, 2004	To re-introduce the original section 19 and the inclusion of a provision which would validate all acts performed by the 8 bodies during the period in which they carried out duties in the capacity of Executive Agencies
2.		MA	Agricultural Produce (Amendment) Act, 2004	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
3.		MFAFT	Caribbean Community (Establishment, Services, Capital & Movement of Community Nationals) Act, 2004	To provide for implementation of Jamaica's obligations contained in Chapter 3 of Treaty of Chaguaramas
4.		MFAFT	Diplomatic Immunities & Privileges (amendment) Act, 2004	To amend the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act to allow for granting of privileges & immunities to diplomatic representatives, international organisations and their staff implement various Agreements
5.		MFAFT	Foreign Nationals & Commonwealth Citizens (Employment) (Amendment) Act, 2004	Exemption of CARICOM Nationals from the ACT & form work permit regime
6.		MFP	Appropriations Act, 2004	Expenditure for 2004/2005
7.		MFP	Banking (Amendment) Act, 2004	To amend definition of "regulated or supervised financial institution" and provide for penalties for offences and to correct various errors
8.		MFP	Banking (Licences) (Forms of Application & Fees) Regs.1973 (Validation & Indemnity) Act, 2004	Validating the actions of the Bank of Jamaica taken for the period December 1992 to the present; and indemnifying officials of the BOJ in respect of actions taken pursuant to these Regulations over the abovementioned period.
9.		MFP	Building Societies (Amendment) Act, 2004	To amend definition of "regulated or supervised financial institution" and provide for penalties for offences and to correct various errors
10.		MFP	Financial Institutions (Amendment), Act, 2004	To amend definition of "regulated or supervised financial institution" and provide for penalties for offences and to correct various errors
11.		MFP	Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2004	Search, seizure and protection orders & sharing of information; Putting in place a statute under which the Financial Investigation Division (FID) would be formerly established
12.		MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) Licensing & Registration Act, 2004	Registration of superannuation funds, retirement schemes & trustees, & licensing of admin & investment managers
13.		MFP	Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2004	To eliminate payment of retroactive motor vehicle licence duty on existing motor vehicle licence where there was an increase or variation of rates

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14.		MH	Medical (Amendment) Act, 2004	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 increase registration fees; to require every applicant for a Practising Certificate to fulfil requirements for Continuing Medical Education
15.		MIT	Tourism Enhancement Fee Act, 2004	To allow for the charging of a fee on departing passengers whose tickets did not originate in Jamaica and establishing fund with moneys for implementing aspects of Master Plan for sustainable tourism development.
16.		MLE	Beach Control (Amendment) Act, 2004	To introduce new penalties & update Act
17.		MOJ	Caribbean Court of Justice (Constitutional Amendment) Act, 2004	To amend the constitution of Jamaica to provide for abolition of appeals to Her Majesty in Council to make provisions for appeals to the Caribbean Court of Justice
18.		MOJ	Caribbean Court of Justice Act, 2004	To implement Agreement establishing Caribbean Court of Justice consequent on ratification of Agreement
19.		MOJ	Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act, 2004	To make legislation more effective
20.		MOJ	Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Act, 2004	To facilitate the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Appeal as Jamaica's final court of appeal
21.		MTW	Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2004	To establish a regulatory framework to foster the development of the aviation industry, while providing safety standards consistent with international standards; to change the name to the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority; to expand the range of offences related to aviation safety & increase penalties.
22.		OPM	National Housing Trust (Amendment) Act, 2004	To allow Trust to disburse increased sum of \$50,000 without letters of administration; to allow contributor to nominate a beneficiary; to discontinue use of home bonds etc; to amend for penalty for non-payment; To increase fines for non-compliance etc.
23.		OPM	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Act, 2004	To broaden the category of eligible persons who may be identified for selection to serve in the Integrity Commission
BEFORE PARLIAMENT				
24.	1	MCST	Consumer Protection Bill	To establish Consumer Affairs Commission, enabling disclosure of consumer information and the promotion of product safety
25.	2	MEYC	Early Childhood Bill	To provide framework for all aspects for early childhood education, care and development

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26.	3	MFP	Bank of Jamaica	Sharing of information with statutory regulators for countries having subsidiaries/representative offices in Ja., etc
27.	4	MFP	Financial Investigations Division Customs (Amendment) Revenue Administration Amendment	To establish the Financial Investigations Division
28.	5	MFP	Money Laundering (Change of Name and Amendment) Bill	To enhance the legislative framework in fight against money laundering and change name to Money Laundering (Prevention) Act
29.	6	MH	Health Facilities (Medical Laboratories) Bill	Establishment of Medical Laboratories Council to define, regulate and control activities of all medical laboratories
30.	7	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill	Biennial renewal of registration and at least 60 hours of training within 2-year period. Consequential amendment of Nurses and Midwives Regulations, 1996
31.	8	MLE	Land Surveyors (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate cadastral work required for implementation of LAMP
32.	9	MNS	Finger Prints (Amendment) Bill	To introduce mandatory identification requirement for certain scheduled offences
33.	10	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution - Charter of Rights
34.	11	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To expedite the disposition of cases involving Coroner's cases and give Coroners greater control over the system, formalise attendance, existing procedure re observers at post-mortem examinations
35.	12	MOJ	Corruption Prevention Act (Amendment)	To give effect to recommendations of Commission – create offence for late filing of declaration; to empower commission to request info from different entities
36.	13	MOJ	Offences Against the Persons (Amendment) Bill	To make new provisions to govern the sentencing powers of the court in relation to persons convicted of murder (consequent on Privy Council decision regarding unconstitutionality of a mandatory sentence. Consequential amendments to Criminal Justice (Reform), Gun Court and Parole Acts
37.	14	MOJ	Terrorism Prevention Bill	To provide for prevention & Suppression of financing, preparation & facilitation & commission of acts as well as protect political, social and economic security of implement Security Council Resolution 1373 on Terrorism in Ja. and its relations with its allies
38.	15	MTW	Architects Registration Amendment	To allow CARICOM nationals to be registered as architects; to discontinue practice of registering organisations as architects; to vary the composition of Architects Registration Board and to increase penalties

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39.	16	MTW	Professional Engineers' Registration Amendment	Allow CARICOM nationals to be registered to practice engineering in Jamaica, & to streamline administrative provisions
40.	17	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	i) Provision for weighing of vehicles ii) To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority: Consequential amendments made to Public Passenger Transport, (Kingston Metropolitan Transport Regions); & Public passenger (Rural Area)
41.	18	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill (No 1)	To make additional provisions in relations to the seizure and storage of vehicles which operate in contravention to the Act or the terms of the relevant licence.
42.	19	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To empower Minister to extend duration of STV licence for periods in excess of 6 years.
APPROVED BY CABINET				
43.	1	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board	To establish Dairy Development Board
44.	2	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ
45.	3	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for enhanced pension benefits
46.	4	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Parish Councillors) Bill	To provide retirement benefits for councillors similar to that offered Legislative Service
47.	5	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission
48.	6	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties
49.	7	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) (No.1)	To allow for plea bargaining; to develop legislation to prevent persons from languishing in prison indefinitely
50.	8	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police
51.	9	MTW	Justices of the Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill	To include Transport Authority tickets in the definition of summonses in the Act.
52.	10	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (KMTR) Bill Public Passenger Transport (Rural Areas) Bill	Legal framework for public transport in Corporate Area To strengthen Transport Authority legal capacity in exercise of its function
CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE				
53.	1	MEYC	Overseas Examinations Commission Bill	Establishment of Statutory Board
54.	2	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty

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55.	3	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers
56.	4	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.2	To establish regime of tax incentives to encourage development of non-metal mining sector.
57.	5	MLE	Cadastral Mapping, Tenure Clarification/Registration of Titles Bill	Improving administrative framework re ministerial responsibilities re land tenure & to facilitate activates of LAMP
58.	6	MLSS	National Insurance (Validation & Amendment) Bill	To give legal effect to benefits paid; To make orphan's benefit payable where at least one parent was insured under NIS Act; To increase sum recoverable in a civil claim where employer's failure to pay contribution results in loss of NIS benefit; To increase the insurable Wage Ceiling under the National Insurance Act w.e.f. 2003/10/01; To give legal effect to a change in contribution rate for employer and employee; To provide for the payment of 20% of NIS Contributions into the National Health Fund; To provide for additional Benefit that is a Health Benefit to NIS Pensioners; To empower Minister to increase benefits by Order
59.	7	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act
60.	8	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency
BEING DRAFTED/DRAFT SENT TO MINISTRY				
61.	1	MA	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill Banana Industry (Amendment) Bill	Restructuring of the administrative framework to allow for delegation of the duties of the Banana Board to any body corporate or company having the requisite expertise in banana sales and marketing insurance and the effecting of contractual insurance on existing banana cultivations over and above the statutory limit
62.	2	MA	Fishing Industry Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
63.	3	MA	Public Gardens (Amendment) Bill	To regulate the proper administration of public gardens, including charging user fees
64.	4	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty
65.	5	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement
66.	6	MCST	Electronic Transactions Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.
67.	7	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act
68.	8	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum

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69.	9	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.
70.	10	MCST	Postal Services Bill [and Post Office (Repeal) Bill]	To repeal Post Office Act; Facilitate modernisation & commercialisation of post offices by transferring the Postal Corporation into a statutory body Jamaica Post.
71.	11	MCST	Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Bill [Companion Bill to Companies Act]	To give recognition to developments in e-commerce (relating to registration), provide for increase in penalties, provide for registration of business name by Company, provision for disposal of records, disclosure of information
72.	12	MEYC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica
73.	13	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention
74.	14	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention
75.	15	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
76.	16	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
77.	17	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention
78.	18	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board
79.	19	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To levy a tax on the gross proceeds of each event as well as the winnings & to allow for the grant of licences to operators of commercial bingo.
80.	20	MFP	Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill.	To provide for the CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Agreement To give effect to duty free access of goods from Cuba To give effect to duty free access of goods from Dominican Republic

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81.	21	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.
82.	22	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau
83.	23	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To address collusion and bribery in respect of Customs officials
84.	24	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Reduction of period re sale of motor vehicles by U-drive operator.
85.	25	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of Audit Committees in all ministries and departments; to expand the definition of "department"; and to enforce the establishment of audit committees in public bodies.
86.	26	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment
87.	27	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (no. 6)	To allow income tax relief on Acquisition of Telecommunications Licences
88.	28	MFP	Industrial & Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the regulatory framework governing financial institutions by restricting these orgs from engaging in banking business without authority of Minister
89.	29	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act
90.	30	MFP	National Pensions Bill Income Tax (Amendment)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme
91.	31	MFP	Property Tax (Amendment) Bill Tax Collection (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) Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.
92.	32	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians
93.	33	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.
94.	34	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

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95.	35	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.
96.	36	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	To enhance compliance re withholding payments, third party requirement to pay, transferring of tax liability to third party and duty of financial institutions to make return on persons in respect of withheld taxes
97.	37	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process
98.	38	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill	(i)To include and define over-the-counter products and (ii) five new categories of substances for human consumption
99.	39	MH	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in line with National Health Services Act. To provide for the treatment of patients by Mental Health Officers without their consent
100.	40	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Legal status of Nurse Practitioners
101.	41	MH	Pesticide Control (Amendment) Bill [Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Amendment]	To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) of the Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Act to provide the Pesticide Control Authority with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators. Amendment of categories & licences issued & fees paid by pest control operators; fees as penalties for breaching regulations.
102.	42	MH	Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products
103.	43	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	Introduction of legislation under the Public Health Act. To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act
104.	44	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public
105.	45	MIT	Jamaica Export Free Zones (Amendment) Bill	To provide GCT relief on local cost incurred by Free Zone Operators
106.	47	MIT	Tourist Attraction (Incentives) Bill	To create incentives for investment in tourist attractions
107.	48	MLE	Natural Resources and Conservation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To accommodate new categories of protected areas etc
108.	49	MLE	Quarries Control (Amendment) Act	To increase penalties and update Act.
109.	50	MLE	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics
110.	51	MLE	Registration of Titles (Amendment) Bill	Improving administrative framework
111.	52	MLE	Town & Country Planning Bill	Repeal & replacement of Act

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112.	53	MLGCDS	KSAC (Amendment) Bill Parish Council (Amendment) Bill	Pensions for Councillors
113.	54	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment)	To modernise the Act reflecting new arrangements for financing local government
114.	55	MLGCDS	Poor Relief Act	To repeal statute on enactment of Unified Benefits Programme
115.	56	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To provide for the new Unified Benefits Programme
116.	57	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace
117.	58	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.
118.	59	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of ISCF
119.	60	MNS	Firearms (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a new regime for the grant of firearm licences
120.	61	MNS	Forfeiture of Assets (Proceeds of Crime) Bill	To provide for mandatory search & confiscation of proceeds from illegal activities
121.	62	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties
122.	63	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority (Amendment) Act	To make it more relevant
123.	64	MNS	Road Traffic (Amendment)	To allow for use of prescribed equipment such as speed measuring devices
124.	65	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill	To set out additional procedures in application for pardoning in capital cases; To amend section 91 (prisons conditions) and section 17 (mandatory death sentence) of the Constitution
125.	66	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for increased fines and to establish clear procedures to prevent persons from languishing indefinitely in prison
126.	67	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction of Court Reporters.
127.	68	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) (Fitness to Plead) Bill	To provide for the change in the name of "Criminal Lunatics" to "Forensic Psychiatric Inmate"; to develop legislation to prevent persons from languishing in prison indefinitely
128.	69	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers
129.	70	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers

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130.	71	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.
131.	72	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers
132.	73	MOJ	Maintenance Bill	To confer obligations on spouses and certain family members to maintain specified family members. Repeal and Replacement of Maintenance Act.
133.	74	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines & custodial sentences
134.	75	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To amend Section 3 of the First Schedule to include such other persons as referred to in the First Schedule, Section 3 (1), paragraph 1 (b) III of the Corruption (Prevention) Act, 2000.
135.	76	MOJ	Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission
136.	77	MOJ	Supreme Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill	To repeal and replace the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act of 1890 (UK) and the Admiralty Jurisdiction (Jamaica) Order in Council, 1962 which govern the admiralty jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Jamaica. Empowers Rules Committee to make rules to regulate procedures
137.	78	MTW	New Montreal Convention on Air Line Liability Bill	Unification of certain rules for international Carriage by air. To ratify ICAO's new convention of passengers, baggage and cargo.
138.	79	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations
139.	80	MTW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders
140.	81	MTW	Jamaica Port Authority (Superannuation Regulations) Bill	To set up a new pension scheme for the Port Authority Staff
141.	82	MTW	Jamaica Port Authority Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
142.	83	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body
143.	84	MTW	Shipping (Pollution and Control) Bill [Marine Pollution Act] [International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Cooperation (ICOPP & R)]	To implement for several international conventions (including International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage; International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Cooperation; Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.
144.	85	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Validation of collection of fees

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145.	86	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Mortgage Insurance Act [Amendment]	To ensure financial accountability to management of Govt. funds; and to permit the Jamaica Mortgage Bank to play a more active role in bringing the acquisition of housing closer to majority of Jamaicans.
146.	87	MWH	Rent Restriction (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the provision of adequate legislation governing the rental of properties in Jamaica and to bring about greater efficiency in the processing of applications & complaints
147.	88	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill Flood Control Water Act (Repeal)	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and MTW
148.	89	MWH	Water Supply and Sewerage Service Bill	To provide the framework for multiple service providers in the water sector through a licensing regime, and to establish the appropriate institutional framework, responsibilities and roles of the various players in the water sector consistent with the Policy.
149.	90	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

150.	1	MA	Aquaculture Inland & Marine products & By-products (Inspection, Licensing & Export) (Amendment) Act	To plug loopholes discovered in Act since opening of Conch season in 2001 and make provisions for import
151.	2	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems
152.	3	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2	To amend Section 3 of GCT Act along lines of Section 3(1) of the Value Added Tax Act of England to ensure that persons who are supplying goods and services in furtherance of taxable activity as defined in the GCT Act cannot escape liability to pay GCT on the grounds that they are not registered taxpayers
153.	4	MLE	Ozone Layer Protection Bill	To provide for phase-out of importation of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and to bring together existing orders & regulations concerning controls of ODS

AOPROVAL GRANTED FOR ISSUE OF DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

154.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment)	Write off bad and doubtful debts
155.	2	MA	Animal/Disease & Importation of [Amendment]	Facilitate importation, distribution, storage etc of animal products, include milk & by products re disease & safety
156.	3	MCST	Protection of New Plant Varieties	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS

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157.	4	MEYC	Caribbean Accreditation Authority	Establishment of regional accreditation body for education in medicine and other health professions
158.	5	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
159.	6	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Bonus share issue
160.	7	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill Bankruptcy (Amendment) Companies (Amendment) Income Tax GCT Travel Tax Stamp Duty	Trust mechanism to improve ability to collect tax revenue and enforce tax judgements
161.	8	MH	Public Health Act [Amendment] (No.2)	To provide measures for the Regulation and control of tobacco use
162.	9	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.
163.	10	MNS	International Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols	Ratification of the Convention and its three protocols; incorporation of the provisions of the Convention into domestic law
164.	11	MNS	Road Traffic (Imposition of Fines) Validation Act	To validate action taken by relevant authorities pursuant to Provisional Collection of Tax (Road Traffic) order 2002 and subsequent orders enacted in 2003 & 2004 and to increase penalties
165.	12	MOJ	Legal Profession Amendment Bill	To provide for intervention of General Legal Counsel in practice of an attorney-at-law; maintenance of clients' trust accounts and records and mandatory professional development
166.	13	MOJ	National Independent Investigations Authority	To provide for establishment of independent investigations authority
167.	14	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To include recommendations made in the Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials
168.	15	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme
169.	16	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To reflect changes in the regulatory responsibilities of the structure of the Broadcasting Commission; change in definition and classification of broadcasting licences
170.	17	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines