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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
1.		MEYC	Overseas Examinations Commission Act, 2005	Establishment of Statutory Board
2.		MFP	Appropriations Act, 2005	Expenditure 2005/2006
3.		MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Act, 2005	To ensure trustees are able to carry out their duties to administer & manage superannuation funds and retirements schemes
4.		MLE	Registration of Titles, Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) Act 2005	To provide for implementation of LAMP, in particular to facilitate implementation of Land Registration Component dealing with cadastral mapping and tenure classification activities
5.		MLSS	National Insurance (Validation & Amendment) Act, 2005	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
6.		MOJ	Caribbean Court of Justice (Original Jurisdiction) Act, 2005	To implement Agreement establishing Caribbean Court of Justice as court of original jurisdiction
7.		MOJ	Terrorism Prevention Act, 2005	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
8.		OPM	National Housing (Amendment) Act, 2005	To allow for funding of such projects for the development of education and for improving social and physical infrastructure services available to its beneficiaries in the communities NHT has built or intend to construct new units for communities developed under for transformation of education

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
9.	1	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board Bill	To establish Dairy Development Board
10.	2	MFP	Assets Tax (Specified Bodies) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for, (1) where increases of fines, licensing fees etc were incidental to any Act, the Act should be amended by amending the section of the Act to provide for increases or variation by Ministerial order, subject to Affirmative Resolution of the House of Representatives ; and (2) revised rates of assets tax where these rates had been in force provisionally by virtue of orders under the Provisionally Collection of Tax Act
11.	3	MFP	Financial Investigations Division Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To establish the Financial Investigations Division as a department of government to investigate financial crimes, with functions to include maintaining intelligence databases on financial crimes, compiling statistics and setting out the parameters for the operation of the division.
12.	4	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
13.	5	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Bill	To increase the rate of pension for a retired Prime Minister from $\frac{2}{3}$ of the annual salary to the equivalent of the annual salary of a Prime Minister; to bring pension provisions of the surviving spouse of the Prime Minister in line with provisions of other persons in the legislative services; to provide for retiring allowances for retired Prime Ministers and surviving spouses comparable to those received by a GG and surviving spouse; and to make the widow of a Prime Minister eligible for a pension, whether or not her husband held the office during the substance of the marriage.
14.	6	MH	Health Facilities (Medical Laboratories) Bill	Establishment of Medical Laboratories Council to define, regulate and control activities of all medical laboratories
15.	7	MNS	Firearms (Amendment) Bill	To introduce a new regime for the grant of firearm licences
16.	8	MNS	Interception of Communication Bill	To authorise interception of all communication addresses of a specific person named in warrant; to place obligation on all telecommunication service provider to assume cost of establishing & maintaining capacity to intercept communications
17.	9	MNS	Police (Civilian Oversight) Authority Bill	To provide for the establishment of a civilian oversight authority to monitor the operations of the JCF, and its auxiliaries
18.	10	MNS	Proceeds of Crime Bill	To address deficiencies in the ability of the authorities to respond effectively in the forfeiture of assets under the existing legislation viz, the <i>Drug Offences (Forfeiture of Proceeds) Act</i> and the <i>Money Laundering Act</i> , the later Act is to be repealed to make way for more comprehensive legislation to deal with money laundering
19.	11	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution to provide for a Charter of Rights and Freedoms
20.	12	MOJ	Committal Proceedings Bill	To provide for abolition of existing procedure of preliminary examinations in cases of indictable offences and for a new committal proceedings regime

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21.	13	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill	To clarify the procedure for the trial on the issue of the fitness of a defendant to stand trial, to provide for other procedures and monitoring mechanisms with regard to such defendants, as well as persons in respect of whom a guilty verdict has been obtained by where the defendant was suffering from a mental disorder at the time the offence was committed; to update the terminology used in the Act for such defendants; and consequential amendments to <i>Mental Health Act</i>
22.	14	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations) Bill	To allow for structured plea bargaining process in the justice system
23.	15	MOJ	Judicature (Juvenile Courts and other Courts) (Validation & Indemnity) Bill	To validate and confirm acts by Resident Magistrates, Justices of the Juvenile Court and other courts and persons who performed duties and acted pursuant to the repealed Juveniles Act and consequent on passage of Child Care and Protection Act March 26, 2004.
24.	16	MOJ	Larceny (Amendment) Bill	To make extortion an offence under the Act. The Bill requires a person charged with the offence to satisfy the Court that the demand was warranted under the circumstances.
25.	17	MOJ	Law Reform (Notice of Alibi Evidence) Bill	To provide for the giving of notice to the Prosecution where the Defence intends to rely on Alibi Evidence at trial within a prescribed period of time of arraignment.
26.	18	MOJ	Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill	Consequent on the proposed amendment to the <i>Criminal Justice (Administration) Act</i> , the Act is being amended to provide for a certificate to be issued for legal aid to be made available to a defendant where a direction for the trial of the issue of fitness to stand trial has been made, regardless of the nature of offence
27.	19	MOJ	Maintenance Bill	To confer obligations on spouses and certain family members to maintain specified family members. Repeal and Replacement of Maintenance Act.
28.	20	Private Members Bill brought by Opposition	Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment)	To give effect to decisions of court to correct injustice caused to injured parties where insurance companies collect premiums in excess of minimum coverage required by statute and pay over only the statutory minimum in settlement of claims

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
29.	1	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ
30.	2	MFP	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To increase amount payable from insurance coverage for health care
31.	3	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission
32.	4	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to recommendations of Commission – create offence for late filing of declaration; to empower commission to request info from different entities
33.	5	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police
34.	6	MOJ	Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To provide for more severe sanctions to deal with the offence of incest
35.	7	MOJ	Incest (Punishment) Bill {Companion bill to Offences Against the Persons}	To increase the penalty for incest and widen the categories of prohibited relationships

**BEING CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
36.	1	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
37.	2	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers
38.	3	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act
39.	4	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency
40.	5	MTW	Transport Authority (Validation and Indemnity) Bill (No.2)	Validation of collection of fees

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
41.	1	MA	Animal/Disease & Importation of (Amendment) Bill	Facilitate importation, distribution, storage etc of animal products, include milk & by products re disease & safety
42.	2	MA	Banana Insurance (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
43.	3	MA	Fishing Industry Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
44.	4	MA	Public Gardens (Amendment) Bill	To regulate the proper administration of public gardens, including charging user fees
45.	5	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty
46.	6	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement
47.	7	MCST	Electronic Transactions Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.
48.	8	MCST	International Finance Company (Income Tax Relief) (change of Name & amendment) Bill	To widen scope of services/provide increased tax benefits
49.	9	MCST	National Commission on Science and Technology Bill	To establish a National Commission on Science & Technology
50.	10	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act
51.	11	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum
52.	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.
53.	13	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.
54.	14	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
55.	15	MEYC	Caribbean Accreditation Authority	Establishment of regional accreditation body for education in medicine and other health professions
56.	16	MEYC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica

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57.	17	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention
58.	18	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention
59.	19	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
60.	20	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
61.	21	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention
62.	22	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board
63.	23	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen regulatory framework and the rules governing licensed operators. Improve the fairness of the conduct of race meets. 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
64.	24	MFP	Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Agreement
			Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from Cuba
			Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.5)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from Dominican Republic
65.	25	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.
66.	26	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau
67.	27	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To address collusion and bribery in respect of Customs officials

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68.	28	MFP	Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of tax exemption enjoyed by certain public enterprises
69.	29	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	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.
70.	30	MFP	Financial Services Commission (Validation & Indemnity) Bill	Validate all actions taken by FSC since August 2, 2001
71.	31	MFP	Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate imposition of sanctions for breaches of regulations and to enhance monitoring of industries under supervision of FSC
72.	32	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment
73.	33	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 6)	To allow income tax relief on acquisition of Telecommunications Licences
74.	34	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
75.	35	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act
76.	36	MFP	National Pensions Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme
77.	37	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians where court overturns elections
78.	38	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Parish Councils) Bill	Pensions for Councillors
79.	39	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.
80.	40	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
81.	41	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.
82.	42	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

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83.	43	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill Companies (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill GCT (Amendment) Bill Travel Tax (Amendment) Bill Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	Trust mechanism to improve ability to collect tax revenue and enforce tax judgements
84.	44	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process
85.	45	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill	(i)To include and define over-the-counter products and (ii) five new categories of substances for human consumption
86.	46	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
87.	47	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2)  Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill (Companion Bill)	Legal status of Nurse Practitioners  To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products
88.	48	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.
89.	49	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
90.	50	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public
91.	51	MIT	Jamaica Export Free Zones (Amendment) Bill	To provide GCT relief on local cost incurred by Free Zone Operators
92.	52	MIT	Tourist Attraction (Incentives) Bill	To create incentives for investment in tourist attractions
93.	53	MLE	Natural Resources and Conservation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To accommodate new categories of protected areas etc
94.	54	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
95.	55	MLE	Quarries Control (Amendment) Act	To increase penalties and update Act.

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96.	56	MLE	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics
97.	57	MLE	Registration of Titles (Amendment) Bill	Improving administrative framework
98.	58	MLE	Town & Country Planning Bill	Repeal & replacement of Act
99.	59	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) Bill	To modernise the Act reflecting new arrangements for financing local government
100.	60	MLGCDS	Poor Relief Bill	To repeal statute on enactment of Unified Benefits Programme
101.	61	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To incorporate institutional changes under the Social Safety Net Reform (a Unified Benefits Programme) and repeal the Poor Relief Law of 1886.
102.	62	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace
103.	63	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.
104.	64	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of ISCF
105.	65	MNS	Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill	To bring under the Act specified substances under the Food and Drug Act as Psychotropic Substances
106.	66	MNS	Electoral Commission for Jamaica Representation of People (Interim Reform) (Repeal) Bill	To create Electoral Commission
107.	67	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties
108.	68	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority (Amendment) Bill	To make it more relevant
109.	69	MNS	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for use of prescribed equipment such as speed measuring devices
110.	70	MNS	Road Traffic (Imposition of Fines) Validation Bill	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
111.	71	MNS	Unlawful Possession of Property Bill	To amend the Unlawful Possession of Property Act, 1952
112.	72	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
113.	73	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for increased fines and to establish clear procedures to prevent persons from languishing indefinitely in prison
114.	74	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction of Court Reporters.
115.	75	MOJ	Evidence (Amendment) Bill	To provide for admissibility of evidence in criminal & civil proceedings by way of television links; Removal of certain procedural requirements to the admissibility of computer generated evidence in proceedings generally

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116.	76	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers
117.	77	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers
118.	78	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	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.
119.	79	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers
120.	80	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
121.	81	MOJ	Mutual Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill	Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
122.	82	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines & custodial sentences
123.	83	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.
124.	84	MOJ	Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission
125.	85	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
126.	86	MTW	Jamaica Port Authority (Superannuation Regulations) Bill	To set up a new pension scheme for the Port Authority Staff
127.	87	MTW	Jamaica Port Authority Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
128.	88	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations
129.	89	MTW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders
130.	90	MTW	New Montreal Convention on Air Line Liability (Carriage by Air) Bill	Unification of certain rules for international Carriage by air. To ratify ICAO's new convention of passengers, baggage and cargo.
131.	91	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body

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132.	92	MTW	Shipping (Pollution and Control) Bill [Marine Pollution]	To implement for several international conventions (including International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage; International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Cooperation (ICOPP & R); Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.
133.	93	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill Mortgage Insurance (Amendment) Bill	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.
134.	94	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
135.	95	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill Flood Water Control (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and MTW; repeal Flood Control Water Act
136.	96	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.
137.	97	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill
138.	98	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill	To reflect changes in the regulatory responsibilities & the structure of the Broadcasting Commission; change in definition and classification of broadcasting licences.
139.	99	OPM	National Commission of Science and Technology Bill	To provide for a National Commission of Science and Technology

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
140.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) Bill	Write off bad and doubtful debts
141.	2	MA	Aquaculture Inland & Marine products & By-products (Inspection, Licensing & Export) (Amendment) Bill	To plug loopholes discovered in Act since opening of Conch season in 2001 and make provisions for import
142.	3	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems
143.	4	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
144.	5	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To facilitate the collection of taxes on imported motor vehicles
145.	6	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To change the structure of the Act re pick-ups
146.	7	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)
			Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.
147.	8	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties
148.	9	MLSS	Labour Relations and Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the hearing of disputes involving the non-unionised worker by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal
149.	10	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To provide for comprehensive revision

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**APPROVAL GRANTED FOR ISSUE OF DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS**

NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
150.	1	MA	Banana Industry (Repeal) Bill	To repeal Act
151.	2	MA	Plants (Quarantine) (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise sanitary and phytosanitary measures with WTO requirements
152.	3	MCST	Companies (Amendment) Bill	Improve transition arrangements for those companies registered under 1965 Act
153.	4	MCST	Cyber Crimes Bill	To provide for offences affecting electronic transactions
154.	5	MCST	Plant Varieties Protection Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS. To protect the rights of breeders of new plant varieties
155.	6	MFAFT	CARICOM Community (Establishment, Services, Capital and Movement of Community Nationals) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for coming for various sections of the Act to come into force in times considered most appropriate and make rights granted under in the Act available only to CARICOM nationals of states implementing the same obligations
156.	7	MFAFT	Foreign Nationals commonwealth Citizens (Employment) (Amendment) Bill	To insert schedule which enable the relevant Minister to identify categories of CARICOM nationals who could work in Jamaica without work permit , pursuit to CARICOM CSME and to allow Minister to expand categories of CARICOM nationals pursuant to decisions of Conference of Heads of Government
157.	8	MFAFT	Legislation to regulate diving activities	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards etc.
158.	9	MFP	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate collection of taxes
159.	10	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
160.	11	MFP	Education Tax (Amendment) Bill	Funds collected fro taxes to be held separate from funds of collector.
161.	12	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.2) Approved Organisations Authorities Loans (Government Guarantee) Bill	To explicitly authorise the Minister of Finance & Planning to issue Letter of Undertaking (LOUs) to secure short term financing for selected self-financing Public Bodies with strong financial performance and to report to the House of Representatives as soon as the LOUs are in place
162.	13	MFP	Loans (CDB)(Amendment) Bill	To increase Loan Raising Authority from \$40 million to \$6 Billion
163.	14	MH	Public Health Act [Amendment] (No.2)	To provide measures for the Regulation and control of tobacco use
164.	15	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.
165.	16	MH	Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Amendment) Bill	To provide for increases in fines

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166.	17	MLE	Convention on Biological Diversity Bill	To Implement Convention on Biological Diversity
167.	18	MLE	Crown Property (Vesting) Bill	To establish National Divestment Committee to advise Minister of Land and Environment
168.	19	MLE	Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill	To establish ticketing system for certain offences and for permitting juvenile and visitor hunting during bird shooting season
169.	20	MLGCDS	Anti-Doping Commission Bill	To establish the Commission as the national anti-doping organisation to maintain and carry out the Jamaica Anti-Doping Programme and ensure its consistency with the World Anti-Doping Programme and other best practices
170.	21	MNS	Constitution Bill	To amend Section 67 (1) to allow for increase in number of constituencies to 63
171.	22	MNS	International Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols Bill	Ratification of the Convention and its three protocols; incorporation of the provisions of the Convention into domestic law
172.	23	MOJ	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To reform the existing bankruptcy provisions to enable a more fair, just and efficient bankruptcy machinery. Removal of references to provisional and absolute orders and replace with provision for single bankruptcy order. Provide for the service of the bankruptcy petition on the debtor well in advance of the hearing date.
173.	24	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry Bill	To amend the current act to reflect the recommendations of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry
174.	25	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To enable abolition of special juries
175.	26	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To allow for fixed penalty notice to operate as an automatic summons under National Solid Waste Management Act
176.	27	MOJ	National Independent Investigations Authority Bill	To provide for establishment of independent investigations authority
177.	28	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To include recommendations made in the Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials
178.	29	MWH	Housing (Amendment) Bill	To transfer powers of Minister of Housing as Corporation Sole to permanent secretary in said ministry etc
179.	30	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme
180.	31	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines

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