

**LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2003/2004  
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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
<b>PASSED</b>						
1.	1	MFP	Appropriations Act, 2003	Expenditure 2003/2004	1	Received Governor-General's Assent on May 9, 2003
2.	2	MLGCDS	Municipalities Act, 2003	To provide for the establishment of municipalities and for connected matters	1	Received Governor-General's assent on May 22, 2003
<b>TABLED</b>						
3.	1	MNS	Finger Print s (Amendment) Bill	To introduce mandatory identification requirement for certain scheduled offences	2	Tabled in House on 2003.05.20. To be presented to Joint Select Committee on 2003.07.17
4.	2	MOJ	Charter of Rights (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution - Charter of Rights	2	Reintroduced in House 2003.04.29
<b>TO BE TABLED</b>						
5.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.1)	Removal of grant & loan making functions of Board	3	Fell from Order Paper at prorogation.
6.	2	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board	To establish Dairy Development Board	3	Fell of Order Paper at prorogation.
7.	3	MCST	Companies Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act	3	Fell from Order Paper on prorogation. Draft Bill being prepared for reprint for re-tabling.
8.	4	MFP	Constabulary Force (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	3	Approved for tabling by Cabinet on 2003/01/27
9.	5	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ	3	Fell from Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled
10.	6	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
11.	7	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission	3	Fell from the Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled
12.	8	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties	3	Fell from Order Paper at prorogation. The Joint Select Committee of Parliament had suggested amendments. Proposal that Mr. Abe Dabdoub and Real Estate Board Chairman meet to resolve issues. Once this done, Bill to be resubmitted to Parliament.

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13.	9	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police	3	Fell from Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled
14.	10	MOJ	Family Property (Right of Spouses) Bill	To provide for division of property on termination of cohabitation	3	Fell from Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled.
15.	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	3	Fell from the Order Paper at prorogation. Ministry in dialogue with maritime Authority to determine whether further amendments necessary
16.	12	MOJ	Offences Against the Persons (Amendment) Bill	To provide for more severe sanctions for the offence of incest.	3	Fell from the Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled.
17.	13	MWH	Irrigation (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to certain decisions relating to the licensing of water users' associations to carry out irrigation functions.	3	Fell off Order Paper at prorogation. To be re-tabled

**CONSIDERED/BEING CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

18.	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	4	LC advised the Ministry to rationalise the Schedule of the Unlawful Possession of Property Act with the provisions in this Act. Consultations to be done with MNS and additional drafting instructions issued to the CPC.
19.	2	MCST	Consumer Protection	To establish Consumer Affairs Commission, enabling disclosure of consumer information and the promotion of product safety	4	To be considered by Legislation Committee
20.	3	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. CPC awaiting further instructions.
21.	4	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	Change fee for processing applications	4	Draft Bill approved by LC. May 1, 2003
22.	5	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	Establishment of fund (CHASE) for beneficiaries--monetary contributions to be paid by lottery operators; composition of Board.	4	Resubmitted to Legislation Committee with approval by Cabinet on May 19, 2003 for issue of further drafting instructions
23.	6	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	4	Draft bill with Ministry for submission to Cabinet.

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24.	7	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To strengthen compliance provisions	4	Approved by LC 2003/01/02
25.	8	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To establish regime of tax incentives to encourage development of non-metal mining sector.	4	Approved by LC May 1, 2003. Draft bill with Ministry for submission to Cabinet.
26.	9	MFP	Moneylending (Amendment) Bill	To exempt institutions licensed under the Securities Act and the Financial Institutions Act from the provisions of this Act.	4	Approved by LC on July 10, 2003.
27.	10	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.
28.	11	MFP	Pensions (Parochial Officers) (Amendment) Bill	To increase gratuity to dependents of parochial 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.
29.	12	MFP	Pensions (Teachers) (Amendment) Bill	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.
30.	13	MFP	Public Accountancy (Amendment) Bill	To update Act to current standards in the profession.	4	Approved with amendments by LC on July 10, 2003
31.	14	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	4	The LC on June 4, 5 and July 10, 2003, examined the Draft Bill. To be redrafted with amendments and resubmitted to LC
32.	15	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 & preparation of the Regulations to be submitted with Bill. Ministry has received draft of the Regulations which will be discussed with AG's Dept.
33.	16	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 with amendment by LC May 1, 2003. Revised Bill with Ministry for consideration.
34.	17	MLE	Beach Control (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties & update Act	4	Bill to be re-submitted to Cabinet with additions of two new provisions for request for approval to be tabled .
35.	18	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act	4	Draft Bill approved by LC Feb 22, 2002
36.	19	MOJ	Terrorism Prevention Bill	To implement Security Council Resolution 1373 on Terrorism and conventions relating to terrorism	4	Bill before LC. Examination started April 2, 2003.

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
37.	1	MA	Banana Industry (Amendment) Bill	Restructuring of administrative framework	5	Draft being finalised. Awaiting advice from the Attorney General.
38.	2	MA	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Restructuring of administrative framework	5	Further drafting instructions sent to CPC
39.	3	MA	Fishing Industry Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	Awaiting advice from the Attorney General on the revised Draft Bill.
40.	4	MCST	CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality Bill	Jamaica's membership in the CARICOM organisation	5	Draft Bill being revised
41.	5	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement	5	Draft Bill being revised.
42.	6	MCST	Electronic Commerce Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
43.	7	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act	5	Draft bill with Ministry
44.	8	MCST	Petroleum (Marketing Franchise) Bill	To provide for regulation of marketing companies	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Ministry meeting with retailers and marketing companies who have expressed the sentiment that there should be a code of conduct rather than legislation
45.	9	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum	5	Ministry preparing further drafting instructions
46.	10	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.
47.	11	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
48.	12	MCST	Protection of Geographical Indications Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS	5	Revised Draft sent to Ministry
49.	13	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	5	Draft being finalised
50.	14	MEYC	Early Childhood Bill	To provide framework for all aspects for early childhood education, care and development	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.

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51.	15	MEYC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
52.	16	MEYC	Overseas Examinations Commission Bill	Establishment of Statutory Board	5	Draft Bill being discussed with stakeholders in preparation for submission of Bill to Legislation Committee
53.	17	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention	5	Draft Bill being revised.
54.	18	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention	5	Draft Bill being revised.
55.	19	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Draft Bill being revised.
56.	20	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Bill being drafted
57.	21	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry.
58.	22	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
59.	23	MFP	Banking (Amendment) Bill Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill Building Societies (Amendment) Bill	To amend definition of "regulated or supervised financial institution" and provide for penalties for offences	5	Draft Bills with Ministry
60.	24	MFP	Banking (Amendment) Bill Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill Building Societies (Amendment) Bill	To correct various errors and omissions in the Amendments to these Acts which were amended as part of the conditionalities for the Financial Sector Restructuring programme supported by loans from IDB, CDB and IBRD	5	Draft Bills with Ministry. Being reviewed by AG
61.	25	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Stakeholders being consulted
62.	26	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To strengthen evidence gathering powers	5	Revised Draft Bill with Ministry.
63.	27	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.

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64.	28	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Reduction of period re sale of motor vehicles by U-drive operator.	5	Draft Bill with (TASD) Ministry.
65.	29	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.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
66.	30	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.
67.	31	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To make Act conform with National Pensions Act	5	Being drafted. Awaiting Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) Bill.
68.	32	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To increase fines and penalties payable under the Act	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
69.	33	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act	5	CPC is awaiting further drafting instructions.
70.	34	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.
71.	35	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for increased pension	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Preparations being made for submission to Legislation Committee
72.	36	MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) Licensing & Registration Bill	Registration of superannuation funds, retirement schemes & trustees, licensing of admin & investment managers	5	Draft Bill being revised
73.	37	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	Draft Bill with Ministry.
74.	38	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Tax Exemptions) (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of Tax concessions granted to certain public bodies	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
75.	39	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts for Parliamentarians	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
76.	40	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Councillors) Bill	To provide retirement benefits for councillors similar to that offered Legislative Service	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
77.	41	MFP	Revenue Administration (Amendment)	To extend use of TRN to persons other than taxpayers or	5	Draft Bill with Ministry

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			Bill	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.		
78.	42	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.
79.	43	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.	5	Being drafted. CPC awaiting further instructions.
80.	44	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
81.	45	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers	5	Draft Bill being revised.
82.	46	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process	5	Draft Bill being finalised. MOH and CPC having further discussions
83.	47	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	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
84.	48	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	5	The Ministry has received the Draft Bill along with the Regulations. Awaiting a response from the Medical Council before circulation of Draft Bill.
85.	49	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	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by MOH. CPC awaiting further instructions.
86.	50	MH	National Health Fund Bill	To establish National Health Insurance Plan	5	Draft Bill being finalised.
87.	51	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To establish Nurse Practitioners Council to regulate, control & monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioners	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
88.	52	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Biennial renewal of registration	5	Draft Bill with Ministry; Advice of Attorney General and Legal Reform Unit being sought

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89.	53	MH	Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
90.	54	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public	5	Draft Bill reviewed by the ministry and comments sent to CPC.
91.	55	MIT	Entertainment Industry Encouragement Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for motion picture producers	5	Draft Bill dealing with Motion Picture Industry with Ministry. Policy being reviewed; to be broadened to include Entertainment
92.	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	Draft Bill with Ministry
93.	57	MIT	Tourist Attraction (Incentives) Bill	To create incentives for investment in tourist attractions	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
94.	58	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 being reviewed by Ministry
95.	59	MLE	Land Surveyors Bill	To facilitate cadastral work required for implementation of LAMP	5	Draft Bill to be revised based on comments of Ministry, NLA and AG.
96.	60	MLE	Natural Resources and Conservation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To accommodate new categories of protected areas etc	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
97.	61	MLE	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics	5	Revised Draft Bill received from CPC and being reviewed by Real Estate Board and Ministry.
98.	62	MLE	Town & Country Planning Bill	Repeal & replacement of Act	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
99.	63	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) Public Health (Amendment) Bill	To make both conform to Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5	Revised draft being reviewed by Legal Institutional Reform Steering Committee (LIRSC)
100.	64	MLGCDS	Public Health (Amendment) Bill	To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5	Final draft Bill has been sent to the MOH for review.
101.	65	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To provide for the new Unified Benefits Programme	5	Bill being drafted
102.	66	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 (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	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.

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				employer's failure to pay contribution results in loss of NIS benefit		
103.	67	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace	5	Draft Bill being revised.
104.	68	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
105.	69	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of ISCF	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC
106.	70	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
107.	71	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
108.	72	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill (I)	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.
109.	73	MOJ	Contempt Bill	Maximum sentences for contempt	5	Draft sent to Ministry for review
110.	74	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	Introduction of Court Reporters.	5	Draft sent to Ministry
111.	75	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To expedite the disposition of cases involving coroner's cases and give coroner's greater control over the system, formalise attendance existing procedure re observers at post-mortem examinations	5	Draft sent to Ministry Being circulated for comments
112.	76	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill (1)	To allow for plea bargaining	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
113.	77	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC.
114.	78	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC.
115.	79	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) Amendment	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court Stenographers	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC.
116.	80	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	Deferred by Legislation Committee. CPC awaiting further instructions.
117.	81	MOJ	Obscene Publications	To increase fines & custodial sentences	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC.

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118.	82	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill	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.	5	Bill being drafted.
119.	83	MOJ	Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission	5	Bill being drafted.
120.	84	MTW	Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill	To increase powers of the Authority	5	Draft Bill reviewed by Ministry. AG comments received. Resubmitted to CPC
121.	85	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment)	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatisation of railway operations	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
122.	86	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	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
123.	87	MTW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
124.	88	MTW	New Montreal Convention on Airline Liability Bill	Unification of certain rules for international Carriage by air	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review. Dr Rattray conducting review
125.	89	MTW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review Attorney General's comments received
126.	90	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (KMTR)	Legal framework for public transport in Corporate Area	5	Draft Bill finalised for submission to LC
127.	91	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (Rural Areas)	To strengthen Transport Authority legal capacity in exercise of its function	5	Draft Bill being finalised for submission to LC
128.	92	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	Provision for weighing of vehicles	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review Awaiting comments of AG
129.	93	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body	5	Draft Bill is being amended
130.	94	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	5	Draft Bill being finalised for submission to LC
131.	95	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 4)	To allow for the privatisation of Motor Vehicle Inspection Services	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for consideration
132.	96	MTW	Shipping (Pollution and Control) Bill [Marine Pollution Bill]	To implement for several international conventions (including International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage; <b>International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness &amp; Response Cooperation; Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS))</b> to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review. CPC awaiting further instructions.
133.	97	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.1)	Validation of collection of fees	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.

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134.	98	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.2)	To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	5	Draft Bill being finalised for submission to LC
135.	99	MWH	Flood Control Water (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and NWA	5	Draft with Ministry. In dialogue with NWA
136.	100	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill	To ensure financial accountability to management of Govt. funds	5	CPC awaiting further drafting instructions
137.	101	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 1)	To implement sections of the government's water sector policy	5	Bill sent to Ministry
138.	102	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 2)	To bring Act in line with OUR and update penalties	5	CPC preparing revised draft.
139.	103	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and NWA	5	Draft with Ministry. In dialogue with NWA
140.	104	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
141.	105	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	Bill being drafted

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142.	1	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.	6	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions May 5, 2003. Drafting instructions issued to CPC
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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
143.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.2)	Write off bad and doubtful debts	7	CPC awaiting Drafting Instructions
144.	2	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	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on June 9, 2003.
145.	3	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
146.	4	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
147.	5	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.
148.	6	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Collection of tax on imported motor vehicles	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions following Cabinet approval September 16, 2002
149.	7	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 5)	To allow for more effective regulation of long term savings instruments	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions April 28, 2003
150.	8	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Bonus share issue	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
151.	9	MFP	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To eliminate payment of retroactive motor vehicle licence duty on existing motor vehicle licence where there was an increase or variation of rates	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
152.	10	MH	Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Amendment	To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) to provide the Pesticide Control Authority with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
153.	11	MH	Pesticide Control (Amendment) Bill	Amendment of categories & licences issued & fees paid by pest control operators; fees as penalties for breaching regulations.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
154.	12	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
155.	13	MLE	Biosafety Bill	To enable accession to and implementation of provisions of the Biosafety Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding genetically modified organisms.	7	Cabinet approved issuing of instructions on May 28, 2001. CPC awaiting drafting instructions.

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156.	14	MLSS	National Insurance Bill (No 1)	To empower Minister to increase benefits by Order	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions June 23, 2003
157.	15	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry (Amendment) Bill	Recommendations from Enquiry into Forced Removal of Montego Bay Street People Recommendations of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
<b>158.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>MOJ</b>	Constitution (Amendment) Bill (II)	<b>To implement Agreement establishing Caribbean Court of Justice consequent on ratification of Agreement</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions March 24, 2003</b>
159.	17	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
160.	18	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) Bill	Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
161.	19	MTW	Justices of the Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill	To include Transport Authority tickets in the definition of summonses in the Act.	7	Cabinet approved drafting instructions on June 23, 2003
162.	20	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 3)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
163.	21	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill	To reflect changes in the regulatory responsibilities of the structure of the Broadcasting Commission.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
164.	22	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.

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