

**LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2003/2004  
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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
<b>ENACTED</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>BEFORE PARLIAMENT</b>						
3.	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	2	Tabled in House on 2003.07.30 and referred to Committee on 2003.09.02. Committee appointed in the Senate on 2003.09.18.
4.	2	MA	Jamaica Dairy Development Board	To establish Dairy Development Board	2	Bill retabled in Parliament
5.	3	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	2	Tabled in House on 2003.09.10
6.	4	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	2	Tabled in House on 2003.09.10
7.	5	MFP	Pensions (Teachers) (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty— in line with pension benefits for security/police officers killed in line of duty	2	Tabled in House on 2003.09.10
8.	6	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	2	Tabled in House on 2003.07.29 and referred to Committee on 2003.09.02. Committee appointed in the Senate on 2003.09.18.
9.	7	MH	National Health Fund Bill	To establish National Health Insurance Plan	2	Bill tabled in Parliament
10.	8	MNS	Finger Prints (Amendment) Bill	To introduce mandatory identification requirement for certain scheduled offences	2	Tabled in House on 2003.05.20 and referred to Committee on 2003.05.27. Committee appointed in the Senate on 2003.05.29. First meeting of Joint Select Committee held on 2003.10.09.
11.	9	MOJ	Charter of Rights (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution - Charter of Rights	2	Reintroduced in House 2003.04.29 and referred to Committee on 2003.07.30. Committee appointed in the Senate on 2003.09.18

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12.	10	MOJ	Family Property (Right of Spouses) Bill	To provide for division of property on termination of cohabitation	2	Reintroduced in the Senate on 2003.05.29 and referred to Committee on 2003.07.18. Committee appointed in the House on 2003.07.23. First meeting of Joint Select Committee held on 2003.10.08
13.	11	MWH	Irrigation (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to certain decisions relating to the licensing of water users' associations to carry out irrigation functions.	2	Tabled in Parliament
14.	12	OPM	Access to Information (Amendment) Bill	To give effect to the decision to implement the Access to Information Act on a phased basis and such consequential changes as may be necessary	2	Tabled in Senate on September 26, 2003

**TO BE TABLED/RETABLED IN PARLIAMENT**

15.	1	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.1)	Removal of grant & loan making functions of Board	3	Cabinet gave approval for additional amendment to Bill (deletion of Clause 6) on September 15, 2003
16.	2	MCST	CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality Bill	To give effect to provisions of Agreement establishing CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards & Quality which was signed by Jamaica Feb 4, 2002	3	Approved by Cabinet on October 6, 2003 for tabling in Parliament
17.	3	MCST	Companies Bill	To repeal and replace existing Act	3	Bill being prepared for reprint for re-tabling.
18.	4	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	(i) Authorise conduct of prize competition in print and electronic media (ii) Charge fee for processing applications (iii) Establishment of fund (CHASE) for beneficiaries—monetary contributions to be paid by lottery operators; composition of Board. (iv) Enable the Commission to ensure that the conduct of the race meets in Jamaica were fair and free from criminal influence and infiltration; give the Commission the necessary authority to protect both licensee and consumer by strengthening the regulatory framework and the rules governing licensee operations and bolster the industry by enabling licensees to respond rapidly and effectively to technology and consumer led economy; enhance the contribution of gaming to the Jamaican economy.	3	Draft Bill approved by LC. Submission sent to Cabinet for approval for tabling in Parliament

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19.	5	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. Ministry awaiting clarification
20.	6	MFP	Co-operative 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 retabled along with second amendment
21.	7	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To strengthen evidence gathering powers	3	Approved by Cabinet on Sept. 15, 2003 for tabling
22.	8	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	(i) ensuring that tax is collected when services are provided by suppliers who are non-resident in Jamaica and therefore not registered (ii) raising the threshold for registration (iii) imposing a penalty upon third parties who hold monies on behalf of delinquent taxpayers and fail to respond to a request from the Commissioner to pay over these monies (iv) providing incentives for persons engaged in agricultural production for export and manufacturing (v) providing incentives for the acquisition of capital items by registered taxpayers (vi) accounting for tax on the payments basis by registered taxpayers whose taxable supply is the provision of commercial premises for rent	3	Approved for tabling by Cabinet on March 3, 2003
23.	9	MFP	Moneylending (Amendment) Bill	To exempt institutions licensed under the Securities Act and the Financial Institutions Act from the provisions of this Act.	3	Cabinet approved the Bill on October 13, 2003 for tabling in Parliament
24.	10	MFP	Public Accountancy (Amendment) Bill	To update Act to current standards in the profession.	3	Cabinet gave approval on September 9, 2003 for Bill to be tabled in Parliament
25.	11	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Tax Exemptions) Bill	Cancellation of Tax concessions enjoyed by certain public enterprises	3	Cabinet gave approval on October 6, 2003 for Bill to be tabled in Parliament
26.	12	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; to be re-tabled
27.	13	MLE	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties	3	Fell from Order Paper. Joint Select Committee suggested amendments. Proposal that Mr. Abe Dabdoub and Real Estate Board Chairman meet to resolve issues and Bill to be resubmitted to Parliament.

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28.	14	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 retabled
29.	15	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

**BEFORE/CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

30.	1	MCST	Consumer Protection Bill	To establish Consumer Affairs Commission, enabling disclosure of consumer information and the promotion of product safety	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
31.	2	MCST	Protection of Geographical Indications Bill	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS	4	Draft Bill submitted to LC
32.	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. Cabinet Submission being prepared for approval for tabling
33.	4	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	4	Draft bill with Ministry for submission to Cabinet.
34.	5	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To increase fines and penalties under the Act	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
35.	6	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.
36.	7	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To increase fines and penalties payable under the Act	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
37.	8	MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds & Retirement Schemes) Licensing & Registration Bill	Registration of superannuation funds, retirement schemes & trustees, licensing of admin & investment managers	4	Draft Bill submitted to LC
38.	9	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 which are to be submitted with Bill. Ministry has received draft of the Regulations which will be discussed with AG's Dept.
39.	10	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.
40.	11	MLE	Beach Control (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties & update Act	4	Bill to be re-submitted to Cabinet for request for approval of two new provisions

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41.	12	MLGCDS	Parochial Rates & Finance (Amendment) Bill	To make both conform to Solid Waste Management Authority Act	4	Bill was finalised by the LC. However Cabinet requested a further review of the Bill and this is being done.
42.	13	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act	4	Draft Bill approved by LC Feb 22, 2002
43.	14	MOJ	Caribbean Court of Justice Bill	To implement Agreement establishing Caribbean Court of Justice consequent on ratification of Agreement	4	Submission to Cabinet for tabling in Parliament deferred
44.	15	MOJ	Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Appeal as Jamaica's final court of appeal	4	Submission to Cabinet for tabling in Parliament deferred
45.	16	MOJ	Caribbean Court of Justice (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	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	4	Submission to Cabinet for tabling in Parliament deferred
46.	17	MOJ	Terrorism Prevention Bill	To implement Security Council Resolution 1373 on Terrorism and conventions relating to terrorism	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
47.	18	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	i) Provision for weighing of vehicles ii) To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
48.	19	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.1)	To rationalise provisions concerning Transport Authority	4	Draft Bill approved by LC for tabling in Parliament
49.	20	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 1)	To implement government water sector policy	4	Approved by LC
50.	21	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.	4	Submitted to LC

**AT DRAFTING STAGE**

51.	1	MA	Fishing Industry Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	Awaiting advice from the Attorney General on the revised Draft Bill.
52.	2	MCST	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement	5	Draft Bill being revised.
53.	3	MCST	Electronic Commerce Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
54.	4	MCST	International Finance Companies (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
55.	5	MCST	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act	5	Draft Bill with Ministry

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56.	6	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 desire a code of conduct rather than legislation
57.	7	MCST	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum	5	Ministry preparing further drafting instructions
58.	8	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.
59.	9	MCST	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
60.	10	MEYC	Early Childhood Bill	To provide framework for all aspects for early childhood education, care and development	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration.
61.	11	MEYC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica	5	Draft Bills with Ministry for consideration.
62.	12	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
63.	13	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention	5	The AG's comments were received and forwarded to the CPC to inform preparation of the re-draft.
64.	14	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of Stockpiling & Use of Chemical Weapons Bill	To provide for implementing the obligations of the Convention	5	Bill being drafted
65.	15	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Bill being drafted
66.	16	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention	5	Bill being drafted
67.	17	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.
68.	18	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
69.	19	MFAFT	Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (including the CSME) Bill	To implement Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas including the CSME	5	Bill being drafted. Priority legislation

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70.	20	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
71.	21	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 enacted as part of the conditionalities for the Financial Sector Restructuring programme supported by loans from IDB, CDB and IBRD	5	Draft Bills with Ministry. Comments given to CPC and Bill being amended
72.	22	MFP	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Awaiting amendments to the Friendly Societies and Industrial & Provident Societies Acts
73.	23	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To facilitate operation of Credit Bureau	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
74.	24	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	Reduction of period re sale of motor vehicles by U-drive operator.	5	Draft Bill with (TASD) Ministry.
75.	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.	5	Bill was drafted by the CPC and comments received by the MFP. Further comments being sought from the Attorney General.
76.	26	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for consideration, February 24, 2003.
77.	27	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.3)	To make Act conform with National Pensions Act	5	Draft National Pensions Bill received. Further drafting instructions to be forwarded to CPC.
78.	28	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act	5	CPC is awaiting further drafting instructions.
79.	29	MFP	National Pensions Bill	Regulation of National Pension Scheme	5	Draft Bill received. Further drafting instructions issued to CPC and comments being incorporated into draft Bill.
80.	30	MFP	Pensions (Prime Minister) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for increased pension	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Preparations being made for submission to Legislation Committee
81.	31	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.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.

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82.	32	MFP	Retiring Allowance (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
83.	33	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Councillors) Bill	To provide retirement benefits for Councillors similar to that offered Legislative Service	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
84.	34	MFP	Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To extend use of TRN to persons other than taxpayers or persons transacting business with a Revenue Department, and in the case of minors, to allow for the parent or legal guardian to make application on their behalf; provide for penalties in respect of fraud & misrepresentation regarding TRN applications & use.	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Additional drafting instructions forwarded to CPC in light of AG's objections.
85.	35	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. Additional drafting instructions forwarded to CPC in light of AG's objections.
86.	36	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.
87.	37	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
88.	38	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers	5	Draft Bill received. Further instructions sent to CPC.
89.	39	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process	5	Draft Bill being finalised. MOH and CPC having further discussions
90.	40	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill	To include and define over-the-counter products and five new categories of substances for human consumption	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry. Necessary Regulations being prepared
91.	41	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. Discussion held with the Medical Council
92.	42	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.

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93.	43	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To establish Nurse Practitioners Council to regulate, control & monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioners	5	Draft Bill being revised by CPC
94.	44	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Biennial renewal of registration	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for further consideration since August 26, 2003
95.	45	MH	Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill	To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
96.	46	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill	Introduction of legislation under the Public Health Act to make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act	5	Final Draft Bill with MLGDS. MOH requested that MLGDS transfer responsibility for this amendment to them.
97.	47	MH	Radiation Safety & Control Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public	5	Draft Bill with Ministry since September 18, 2003
98.	48	MIT	Motion Picture Industry (Encouragement) (Amendment) Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for motion picture producers	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Policy being reviewed; to be broadened to include wider Entertainment Industry
99.	49	MIT	Tourism Product Development Corporation Bill	To establish TPDCo as a statutory board	5	Draft Bill with Ministry. Issue being reconsidered
100.	50	MIT	Tourist Attraction (Incentives) Bill	To create incentives for investment in tourist attractions	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
101.	51	MLE	Cadastral Mapping, Tenure Clarification/Registration of Titles Bill	Improving administrative framework re ministerial responsibilities re land tenure & to facilitate activates of LAMP	5	Final draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
102.	52	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.
103.	53	MLE	Natural Resources and Conservation Authority (Amendment) Bill	To accommodate new categories of protected areas etc	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
104.	54	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.
105.	55	MLE	Town & Country Planning Bill	Repeal & replacement of Act	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry
106.	56	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To provide for the new Unified Benefits Programme	5	Ministry currently reviewing first draft Bill with various stakeholders.
107.	57	MLSS	National Insurance Bill (No 1)	To empower Minister to increase benefits by Order	5	CPC awaiting further drafting instructions

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108.	58	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 employer's failure to pay contribution results in loss of NIS benefit (v) To give legal effect to increases in benefits w.e.f. 2003/07/01 (vi) To increase the insurable Wage Ceiling under the National Insurance Act w.e.f. 2003/10/01 (vii) To give legal effect to a change in contribution rate for employer and employee (viii) To provide for the payment of 20% of NIS Contributions into the National Health Fund (ix) To provide for additional Benefit that is a Health Benefit to NIS Pensioners.	5	Further drafting instructions issued to CPC
109.	59	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace	5	Draft Bill being revised.
110.	60	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
111.	61	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of ISCF	5	Draft Bill with Ministry for submission to LC
112.	62	MNS	Passport (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalties	5	Draft Bill being prepared
113.	63	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency	5	Draft Bill being finalised with CPC. To be submitted to LC
114.	64	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry (Amendment) Bill	Recommendations of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry	5	Ministry is reviewing revised draft. CPC awaiting further instructions
115.	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	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
116.	66	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for increased fines and to establish clear procedures to prevent persons from languishing indefinitely in prison	5	Ministry reviewing revised draft
117.	67	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	Introduction of Court Reporters.	5	Draft sent to Ministry

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118.	68	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
119.	69	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill (1)	To allow for plea bargaining	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.
120.	70	MOJ	Criminal Justice (Administration) (Amendment) Bill (2)	To provide for the change in the name of "Criminal Lunatics " to "Forensic Psychiatric Inmate"	5	Draft Bill with Ministry
121.	71	MOJ	Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill	To make legislation more effective	5	Draft Bill has been redrafted. Some matters of policy have arisen and the Ministry is currently studying these.
122.	72	MOJ	Incest (Punishment) (Amendment) Bill	To increase penalty for incest and to widen the categories of prohibited relationships	5	Fell from the Order Paper. Being reviewed by the Department of Legal Reform to ensure that new directions reflect current thinking
123.	73	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
124.	74	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry
125.	75	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.
126.	76	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
127.	77	MOJ	Obscene Publications	To increase fines & custodial sentences	5	Final Draft Bill with Ministry
128.	78	MOJ	Offences Against the Persons (Amendment) Bill	To provide for more severe sanctions for the offence of incest.	5	Fell from the Order Paper. Being reviewed by the Department of Legal Reform to ensure that new directions reflect current thinking
129.	79	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	Draft Bill with Ministry since September 24, 2003
130.	80	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.
131.	81	MTW	Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill	To increase powers of the Authority	5	Draft Bill with Ministry.

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132.	82	MTW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment)	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
133.	83	MTW	Main Roads (Amendment) Bill (1)	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
134.	84	MTW	Main Roads (Amendment) Bill (2)	To allow for increased fines and removal of fines to schedule	5	Draft Bill is with Ministry for review.
135.	85	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.
136.	86	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
137.	87	MTW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act	5	CPC to review latest comments of Ministry on draft
138.	88	MTW	Public Passenger Transport (KMTR)	Legal framework for public transport in Corporate Area	5	Draft Bill being finalised for submission to LC
139.	89	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
140.	90	MTW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body	5	Draft Bill is being amended
141.	91	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; International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Co-operation; Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.	5	
142.	92	MTW	Transport Authority (Amendment) (No.2)	Validation of collection of fees	5	CPC awaiting further instructions.
143.	93	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
144.	94	MWH	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and NWA	5	Draft with Ministry since September 10, 2003
145.	95	MWH	Jamaica Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill	To ensure financial accountability to management of Govt. funds	5	CPC awaiting further drafting instructions
146.	96	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 2)	To bring Act in line with OUR and update penalties	5	CPC preparing revised draft.
147.	97	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill	5	Draft Bill being reviewed by Ministry. CPC awaiting further instructions

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148.	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	6	Drafting instructions sent to the CPC
149.	2	MFP	Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Agreement	6	Drafting instructions issued to CPC. Companion Bill to Customs Amendment
150.	3	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from Cuba	6	Drafting instructions issued to CPC Companion Bill - Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amendment) Bill -
151.	4	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Collection of tax on imported motor vehicles	6	Drafting instructions forwarded to CPC
152.	5	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
<b>DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS APPROVED FOR ISSUE</b>						
153.	1	CO	Executive Agencies (Amendment) Bill	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	7	Cabinet gave approval on September 9, 2003 for the issue of drafting instructions to CPC.
154.	2	MA	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) (No.2)	Write off bad and doubtful debts	7	CPC awaiting further drafting instructions
155.	3	MA	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill	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	7	Consequent on policy change Cabinet approved issue of further drafting instructions on October 13, 2003
156.	4	MA	Public Gardens Regulation Bill	To regulate the proper administration of public gardens, including charging user fees	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on October 13, 2003
157.	5	MCST	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.

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158.	6	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	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions for additional amendments on September 15, 2003
159.	7	MFP	Bank of Jamaica (Validation) Bill	Validating the actions of the Bank of Jamaica taken in enforcing the provisions of the Banking (Licences) (Forms of Application and Fees) Regulations, 1973 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.	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on September 15, 2003
160.	8	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
161.	9	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No.5)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from Dominican Republic	7	Approval for drafting instructions July 30, 2001 Companion bill Caribbean Community and Common Market (Amdt)
162.	10	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	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	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions on October 13, 2003
163.	11	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No.4)	Bonus share issue	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
164.	12	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
165.	13	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	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instruction October 13, 2003. Companion Bill to Co-operatives Societies (Amendment) Bill
166.	14	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

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167.	15	MH	Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Amendment Pesticide Control (Amendment) Bill	(i) To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) to provide the Pesticide Control Authority with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators. (ii) Amendment of categories & licences issued & fees paid by pest control operators; fees as penalties for breaching regulations.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
168.	16	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
169.	17	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.
170.	18	MNS	Forfeiture of Assets Bill	To provide for mandatory search & confiscation of proceeds from illegal activities	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions September 15, 2003
171.	19	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	7	Cabinet approved issue of drafting instructions September 30, 2003
172.	20	MOJ	Commissions of Enquiry (Amendment) Bill	Recommendations from Enquiry into Forced Removal of Montego Bay Street People	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
173.	21	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) Bill	Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.
174.	22	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
175.	23	MWH	National Water Commission (Amendment) (No. 3)	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions
176.	24	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.
177.	25	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines	7	CPC awaiting drafting instructions.

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