

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
for the period September 2022 to August 2023 –categorised by Ministries/Departments

This Legislative Agenda is based on the existing priorities (as indicated by Ministries/Departments). It may be amended from time to time by the Cabinet. It excludes work related to subsidiary legislation/SROs except for SROs that are substantive in nature.

The Legislative Agenda–

- (a) assumes that there are two senior legislative drafters in the Legislative Drafting staff of the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC);
- (b) recognises that the work of a legislative drafter in each period must be divided between: (1) providing support to Ministries/Departments with policy formulation; (2) Legislative Drafting; and (3) providing support to Cabinet and the Legislative Assembly; and
- (c) recognises that the technical officers at Ministries/Departments are unable to work full-time on legislative policy, given: (1) their small numbers and (2) other responsibilities

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER (OP) AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MoF)		
Target Completion by Quarters	Matter	Status
1st	National Audit Office Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill No. 6 of 2022 was withdrawn at the sitting Legislative Assembly held on 26th July, 2022. • Bill to be further reviewed by the AGC and MoF
	Appropriation Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions to be submitted by MoF
	Public Finance (Management and Accountability) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments submitted to AGC by Internal Audit to be drafted
2nd	Revenue Laws (Consequential Amendments) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill being reviewed by AGC as at 29 June 2022
	Tax Administration Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill being reviewed by AGC as at 29 June 2022
	Companies Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be submitted to Financial Service Commission by AGC for review
3rd	Standards Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill submitted to Trade and Quality Infrastructure Division for review on 13 June 2022
	Virtual Assets Business Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments to Bill submitted to Financial Service Commission for review
	Metrology Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill submitted to Trade and Quality Infrastructure Division for review on 13 June 2022
4th	Procurement Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft of the Bill to be submitted by MoF to AGC for review

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR (ODG)		
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1st	Elections (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th July, 2021 - Bill submitted to the Elections Commission by email • Bill to be progressed to Cabinet
2nd		
3rd	Pensions Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting instructions - Meetings held with ODG/HR to resolve policy issues. ODG/HR to submit policy to Cabinet.
4th	Public Administration Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting feedback - Comments on the draft Bill provided to AGC – Governor/ODG/AGC/HR to meet and review.
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, WORKS, LABOUR AND ENERGY (MCWLE)		
Target Completion by Quarters	Matter	Status
1st		
2nd	Maritime Protection Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised Bills to be submitted by Montserrat Port Authority and MCWLE to AGC for review
3rd	Geothermal Resources Development Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be submitted by MCWLE to Cabinet for approval
4th	Data Protection Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCWLE to review Consultant’s draft Bill and provide technical guidance to AGC
	Labour Code (Amendment) Bill/Minimum Wage Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting instructions from Ministry in respect of setting minimum wage to determine whether to prepare separate Bill or amendment to the Labour Code
MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (MALHE)		

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1st	Landholding Control Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill submitted to MALHE on 11 July 2022 for review and comments
2nd	Fisheries Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill and Regulations to be reviewed by AGC
	Registered Land Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill submitted to MAHLE/LRD on 11 July 2022 for review and comments
3rd	Food Safety Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill submitted to MALHE on 30 June 2022 for review and comments
	Sand Mining Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill to be reviewed by AGC
4th	Plant Protection Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill submitted to MALHE on 30 June 2022 for review and comments
	Animal Protection Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill submitted to MALHE on 30 June 2022 for review and comments
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND ECCLESIASTIC AFFAIRS (MoEHSYSE)		
Target Completion by Quarters	Matter	Status
1st	Child Justice Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill to be reviewed by AGC
	Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill to be completed by AGC
2nd	Cadet Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Submitted to MoEHSYSE on 24 June 2022 for submission to Cabinet
	Nurses and Midwives Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoEHSYSE to convene a meeting to discuss the Bill
3rd	Cannabis Licensing Authority Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting further instructions – draft Bill adopted from BVI adjusted, with policy queries inserted. Bill submitted to Ministry on 24 November 2020, for review and further instructions.
4th		
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS		

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS		
Target Completion by Quarters	Matter	Status
1st	Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be submitted by AGC to Cabinet for approval
	Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be reviewed and updated by AGC
	Financial Intelligence Unit Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill submitted to FSC, MoF and Police Service on 2 August 2022 for review and comments
2nd		
3rd	Oaths Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be submitted by AGC to Cabinet for approval
4th	Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, Regulations and Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill to be reviewed and updated by AGC

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Proposed Legislative Agenda – by Quarter

No.	1 ST QUARTER September to November 2022	2 ND QUARTER December 2022 to February 2023	3 RD QUARTER March to May 2023	4 TH QUARTER June to August 2023
1.	National Audit Office Bill	Tax Administration Bill	Standards Bill	Public Administration Bill
2.	Appropriation Bill	Revenue Laws (Consequential Amendment) Bill	Metrology Bill	Data Protection Bill
3.	Elections (Amendment) Bill	Companies Bill	Virtual Assets Business Bill	Labour Code (Amendment) Bill/ Minimum Wage Bill
4.	Landholding Control Bill	Maritime Protection Bill	Procurement Bill	Plant Protection Bill
5.	Child Justice Bill	Fisheries Bill	Pensions Bill	Animal Protection Bill
6.	Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) (Amendment) Bill	Registered Land Bill	Geothermal Resources Development Bill	Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, Regulations and Code
7.	Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	Cadet Bill	Food Safety Bill	
8.	Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill	Nurses and Midwives Bill	Sand Mining Bill	
9.	Financial Intelligence Unit Bill		Cannabis Licensing Authority Bill	
10.	Public Finance (Management and Accountability) (Amendment) Bill		Oaths Bill	
11.				