

ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The period under review April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 continued to present challenges for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The cry continued "we want justice".

The workload for the prosecution continued its increasing trend. Notwithstanding this the Crown Counsel remained dedicated to two of the most critical objectives of the Department, to continue to present criminal cases before the courts in a timely and efficient manner and to continue to provide the citizens of Jamaica with a professional prosecution service that is fair to both victim and accused.

The major objectives pursued by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions during the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 were as follows:-

- To continue to present criminal cases before the courts in a timely and efficient manner
- To continue to provide the citizens of Jamaica with a professional prosecution service that is fair and just to both victim and accused
- To continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers in facilitating the efficient collection, processing and presentation of evidence for the court
- To begin the automation of the operations of the Department
- To train staff members in technological applications relevant to the automation of the Department

With these objectives the Department continued its efforts to:-

- Reduce the caseload for some of the crown counsel thereby allowing them more time to direct their attention to reducing the number of outstanding legal opinion/rulings
- Provide opportunities and facilities to expose prosecutors to the necessary skills and techniques to enhance their prosecutorial capability
- Continue to work with the relevant parties to facilitate the automation of the office

- Improve the staff members' technological capability to ensure the smooth automation of the office

Staffing

During the period under review the Department lost six **(6)** of its experienced staff members and so it continued to operate without its full complement of prosecutorial staff. As a result the caseload for each Counsel continued at an undesirable level. In March 2007 six **(6)** persons were appointed to act as Crown Counsel. As is the norm these persons are usually not experienced enough to take on major assignments on their own. They were therefore assigned to appear with senior counsel for the remainder of the Hilary term.

The Director wishes to use this opportunity to highlight the need for an increase in the number of experienced prosecutors to handle the more complex cases which are to be listed for trial.

Training

During the period under review three **(3)** members of the Secretarial staff pursued the Certificate in "Legal Administration" offered at the Justice Training Institute. All three successfully completed the course.

In the Department's continuing quest to improve prosecutorial capability there were two retreats in November 2006. The presentations centered on Effective Time Management, Preparation of files for Rural Circuit and Preparing for the Court of Appeal to name a few.

The Director attended a seminar in Miami from May 1 – 5, 2006 which focused on the Corruption of Government officials. The seminar was sponsored by the United States government.

Two **(2)** senior prosecutors also participated in on the job training programmes overseas. One participated in a workshop on "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice"

hosted by the Korea International Cooperation Agency from June 18th to July 8, 2006 in Seoul, South Korea.

The other prosecutor attended a meeting for Commonwealth Network of Contact persons engaged in Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition activities was held in London from February 27 – 28, 2007.

Improved Facilities

The refurbishing of the Office was completed during the first quarter of the period under review and has contributed to improving the morale of staff members.

Office Automation

One of the objectives of the Department was to computerize its records, this was not achieved. A case management programme which was to have been introduced is behind schedule. Notwithstanding this, members of staff participated in training related to computer applications to ensure that the implementation of the office automation process was smooth. Staff members now have access to individual computers and the automation of the Department's records is a work in progress.

Court Activities

The activities of the various courts did not meet the Department's expectation as there was no significant decrease in the cases being traversed from one term to another. The department is mindful of the fact that most of the reasons are outside of its control. Reluctant jurors and witnesses continue to be one of the major deterrents to the disposal of a number of the cases listed for trial. The tables attached will provide details of the activities for the period under review.

Nolle Prosequi

Under Section 94 (3) the Director of Public Prosecutions has the power to terminate prosecutions in all the Courts in Jamaica. During the period under review the Director entered **225** Nolle Prosequis.

Extradition Requests

16 extradition requests were received. 8 persons were extradited.

Mutual Legal Assistance Requests

The Department received 27 requests. 26 requests were granted and (1) was refused.

Circuit Court Cases Listed for Trial

There was a significant increase in the number of cases listed for trial in the Rural Parish Circuits and the Home Circuit Court. The rate of disposal of the cases was as low as 21.50% in the Home Circuit and 42.91% in the Rural Parish Circuits. A number of factors contributed to this among them were insufficient jurors and requests for adjournments by defence counsel.

Gun Court

The learned Chief Justice again assigned several judges for special sittings of the Gun Court during the month of August, which is normally the month that the Supreme Court goes on recess.

Rural Gun Court

There was a 3.16% increase in the number of cases listed for trial and a 19.39% increase in the number of cases disposed of compared with the statistics for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Regional Gun Court

280 cases were listed for trial and 223 of the cases were disposed of. There was a decrease of ten (10) cases or a 3.78% decrease in the number of cases listed for trial when compared to the same period April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006

Privy Council

Seven **(7)** Privy Council matters were heard during the period under review. Three **(3)** of the petitions heard were dismissed instantly. Their conviction and sentence stand. One **(1)** conviction was set aside, one **(1)** sentence to death was commuted to life imprisonment, one **(1)** remitted to the Court of Appeal and one **(1)** appeal was allowed.

Files for Rulings

530 files were received as it relates to complaints by the public against the police. **569** files were ruled on.

Witness Protection Unit

The Department continued to collaborate with law enforcement officers in facilitating the efficient collection, processing and presentation of evidence for the courts. The judicial process has benefited from the operation of the Witness Protection Programme where the Director of Public Prosecution's Office acts as the liaison between these witnesses and the Justice Protection Unit otherwise called the Witness Protection Programme.

Human Trafficking

The Human Rights, Intellectual Property and Financial Services Matters Unit continues to make much headway in the Human Rights area of Trafficking in persons. Presently, the Director of Public Prosecutions Office is represented on the National Task Force in Trafficking in Persons which allows for the Department to directly influence the process. There are two cases before the Circuit Court and two others at the preliminary enquiry stage at the Resident Magistrates' Court.

THE ESTABLISHMENT

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is a public office. It was created under Section 94(1) of the Constitution of Jamaica.

The Director of Public Prosecutions heads the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The Governor General appoints the Director.

“A person shall not be qualified to hold or act in the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions unless he is qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is responsible for all criminal prosecutions throughout the island of Jamaica. The Director under Section 94 (3) has the power, in any case, in which he considers it desirable so to do:-

- (a) to institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court other than a court-martial in respect of any offence against the law of Jamaica;
- (b) to take over and continue any such criminal proceedings that may have been instituted by any other person or authority; and
- (c) to discontinue at any stage before judgment is delivered any such criminal proceedings instituted or undertaken by himself or any other person or authority.

The powers referred to under Section 94 (3) rests the instituting of a prosecution in the discretion of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

THE FUNCTIONS

The Director of Public Prosecutions, under Section 94 (3) of the constitution has the power initiate, take over and terminate prosecutions in all the Courts in Jamaica. Crown Counsel represent the Director in criminal cases in the Supreme Court, the Circuit Courts, and the Gun Court. They also appear in complex or technical matters in the Resident Magistrates' Courts and appear weekly in the two divisions of the Court of Appeal to deal with criminal matter appeals.

The Director of Public Prosecutions is responsible for :

- a) Instituting prosecutions. This entails requesting an investigation, the receipt of Police statements and the decision to prosecute. The next stage is the presentation of the case, which involves the preparation of the case, and the presentation of the evidence in court.
- b) Other matters such as bail applications, change of venue, criminal appeals to the Court of Appeal of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.
- c) Taking over and continuing or discontinuing a particular case in any of the Courts in Jamaica
- d) Supervising all Clerks of the Courts in prosecutions in all parishes in Jamaica.

In keeping with the functions outlined above the Department committed itself to achieving the following objectives for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To continue to present criminal cases before the courts in a timely and efficient manner
- To continue to provide the citizens of Jamaica with a professional prosecution service that is fair and just to both victim and accused
- To continue to collaborate with law enforcement officers in facilitating the efficient collection, processing and presentation of evidence for the courts
- To work with the relevant parties to automate the operations of the Department
- To train staff members in technological applications relevant to the automation of the Office
- To continue to present a quarterly report on the operation of the Department
- To continue to present an annual report on the operations of the Department after the end of the financial year.

Some of the objectives had their own challenges which were in addition to the limited number of experienced persons available to prosecute some of the more complex cases. The reluctant witnesses and jurors also impacted on the Department's ability to provide an efficient prosecution service.

The major tasks for the Department were:-

- To continue to motivate prosecutors to perform at the highest level
- To continue to reduce the caseload for some of the crown counsel thereby allowing them more time to direct their attention to reducing the number of outstanding opinions/rulings
- To continue to provide opportunities and facilities to expose prosecutors to the necessary skills and techniques to enhance their prosecutorial capability
- To recruit Crown counsel to fill existing vacancies to ensure the presentation of cases in a timely manner
- To continue to work with the relevant parties to facilitate the automation of the office

- To train members of staff in computer applications relevant to the automation process in order to enhance their capability to ensure the smooth operation of the automation process.

ADMINISTRATION

Budget Allocation

The approved budget for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the financial year April 1st 2006 to March 31st 2007 was **\$138,600,000.00**. This was an increase of **\$24,303,000.00** or approximately **21.27%** over the previous year. The actual expenditure for the period under review was **\$108,601,226.13**. The inability of the Department to attract senior positions to fill existing vacancies on the establishment accounted for approximately **\$28,000,000.00** of the shortfall in expenditure. As was the case in the previous year, the largest portion of the budget was spent on employees' compensation and related Travel and Subsistence expenses.

REFURBISHING OF THE DEPARTMENT

The increasing number of cases listed for trial each term has highlighted the need for additional prosecutorial staff. The decision was taken to refurbish the office and create new offices to be able to accommodate additional staff. The refurbishing and automation of the Department was scheduled for completion prior to the end March 31, 2007.

The refurbishing of the office has almost been completed and staff members are satisfied with what has been completed to date. This process has contributed to the improvement of staff morale. The automation of the Department continues as a work in progress.

STAFF RELATED MATTERS

Staffing

The present Director of Public Prosecutions is Mr. Kent Pantry, Q.C. He is responsible for a staff complement of attorneys classified as Prosecutors. Listed below is a detailed classification of the staff complement.

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>No. of Posts</u>
Director, Public Prosecutions	1
Senior Deputy Director, Public Prosecutions	3
Deputy Director, of Public Prosecutions	4
Assistant Director, Public Prosecutions	8
Crown Counsel	14
Prosecutor	4
Assistant Crown Counsel	2
Legal Officer	1
Manager, Human Resource Management & Administration	1
Administrator GMG 3	1
Administrator GMG 2	1
Executive Secretary 2	1
Executive Secretary 1	3
Senior Secretary	3
Secretary 2	2
Secretary 1	3
Senior Library Assistant	1
Records Officer 2	1
Records Officer 1	1
Telephone Operator	1
Office Attendant	1
Attendant	3
Casual (Full time)	2
Casual (Part-time)	1

STAFF CHANGES

Departures

During the period under review the Department lost six (6) of its more experienced prosecutors and so it continued to operate without its full complement of prosecutorial staff. They all indicated that their employment conditions influenced their decision. The Director is again using this opportunity to highlight the need to increase the number of experienced prosecutors to handle the more complex cases which are to be listed for trial and to improve the conditions of service in an effort to continue to motivate and to retain experienced staff prosecutors.

Employment

Six (6) new Crown Counsel joined the Department during the month of March 2007. As is the norm these persons are usually not experienced enough to take on major assignments on their own and so could not contribute to reducing the Department's workload. They were assigned to appear with senior experienced Crown Counsel to be mentored.

TRAINING

Job Related Training (Overseas)

One (1) senior Prosecutor was a participant in a workshop entitled "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" hosted by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The workshop was held from June 18, 2006 to July 8, 2006 in Seoul, South Korea.

The participants were persons who had worked as a Prosecutor for more than three (3) years or incumbent public officials in the field of Criminal Justice. There were twenty five (25) participants from 21 countries drawn from the following regions:- Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, South America and Central America.

The objective of the workshop was to provide participants with an opportunity to study and discuss contemporary issues related to crime control schemes and the administration of criminal justice. The course was enhanced by several study visits to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office, the Constitutional Court, the Metropolitan Police Agency and the Young Juvenile Protection Education Institute to name a few.

Each participant presented a country report from one of the following topics:-

(a) The status of opening market and the security of private property in participants' countries, (b) The criminal justice system and the assignment on reformation in participants' countries and (c) The legal system for the security of Human Rights in participants' countries.

May 1 – 5, 2006 the Director attended a seminar which focused on the Corruption of Government officials. The seminar was held in Miami and was sponsored by the United States government.

Mrs. Caroline Williamson-Hay, Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions attended a Meeting for Commonwealth Network of Contact Persons (CNCP) in London February 27 – 28, 2007.

The meeting, which was an inaugural one, brought together persons engaged in Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition activities in the Commonwealth. The presentations, which were made, provided an overview of the contact organizations in Europe for the sharing of information. It also provided an opportunity for the participating developing countries in the Commonwealth to be exposed to the various models, which would allow them to choose the one best suited to their needs.

Job Related Training (Local)

Three (3) members of the Secretarial staff were participants in one of the Paralegal studies programme during the period May 2005 to May 2006. The Certificate in Legal Administration is a one-year course offered by the Justice Training Institute. The course is intended to broaden the knowledge of persons in the secretarial group so that they can provide a higher level of support for crown counsel.

All three (3) participants successfully completed the course.

Crown Counsel Retreat

In the Department's continuing quest to improve the prosecutorial capability of Crown Counsel which is fundamental to providing the citizens of Jamaica with a professional prosecutorial service two retreats were held during the period under review.

The First Seminar was held November 3 – 5, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Montego Bay. The presenters were Messrs. Kent S. Pantry, CD, QC, Garth McBean, Norman Davis and Dr. Moses Peart. Effective Time Management, Preparation of files and Preparing for Rural Circuits were some of the areas covered.

The Second Seminar was held November 24 – 26, 2006 at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel in Ocho Rios. The presenters were Mr. Kent Pantry, CD, QC and Mr. C. Dennis Morrison, QC. Preparing for the Court of Appeal, Preparing Case for Tendering of Exhibits and Tendering Exhibits were the areas covered. The closing sessions of the seminar was dedicated to case study.

Computer Training

In preparation for the automation of the Office steps were taken to ensure that all the members of staff were computer literate. Ten (10) members of staff were enrolled in and successfully completed courses in Computer Applications at the Intermediate and Advanced level at the Justice Training Institute. Classes were held two evenings per week from February 6, 2007 to March 15, 2007.

Illuminat (Jamaica) Limited also undertook training for six (6) persons who are expected to give assistance to persons who may encounter problems during the implementation of the automation process. The training was carried out over four (4) days February 19 -20 and February 26 -27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Improved Facilities

The refurbishing of the Office has been completed and efforts will now be directed towards furnishing of the newly created office spaces.

Automation of the Office

The contract to provide the hardware for the automation of the Department was awarded to Illuminat (Jamaica) Limited. The hardware was delivered in September 2006 paving the way for the start of the automation process of the Department.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Office now has sufficient computers for the number of Crown Counsel. However, internet access is still limited. Plans are on the way to have Internet access available shortly so that each Crown Counsel will have information readily available at their work station to assist them in preparing their cases.

PHOTOCOPYING FACILITIES

The demand for photocopy documents increased significantly because of the rules of disclosure which make it mandatory for defence counsel to be served with all documents in the possession of the prosecution.

As a result of this increased demand the Department experienced major problems during the period under review. The existing machine was not able to handle the workload and there were frequent loss of use of the machine. The need for additional photocopying capacity must now be considered a priority in order to cope with the continuing increase in demand for photocopy documents.

LIBRARY

The Library has a new appearance following the refurbishing exercise. The additional shelves and the re-arranging of the material provided a user-friendly atmosphere for Crown Counsel wishing to do research. Additional literature has been ordered to upgrade the capabilities of the Library.

REGISTRY

The Registry receives and records all correspondence sent to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

WITNESS PROTECTION UNIT

The Witness Protection Unit is an arm of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and is housed at this Department. The main function of the programme is to provide security and safe keeping for high risk witnesses. The unit is responsible for the safe transportation of these high risk witnesses to and from court on their court days.

The Department continued to collaborate with law enforcement officers in facilitating the efficient collection, processing and presentation of evidence for the courts. The judicial process has benefited from the operation of the Witness Protection Programme where the Director of Public Prosecution's Office acts as the liaison between these witnesses and the Justice Protection Unit otherwise called the Witness Protection Programme. Regular meetings are held with staff members of the Witness Protection Programme, the police officers assigned to the police post at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and Crown Counsel assigned to the Home Circuit Administration Unit (The Box). This allows for a smooth management of the process and accountability as it relates to the witnesses on the programme and the disposal of related cases.

Human Trafficking

The Human Rights, Intellectual Property and Financial Services Matters Unit continues to make much headway in the Human Rights area of Trafficking in persons. Investigators have maintained consultation with the Department as this area continues to receive greater focus and exposure. Presently, the Director of Public Prosecutions Office is represented on the National Task Force in Trafficking in Persons which allows for the Department to directly influence the process. There are two cases before the Circuit Court and two others at the preliminary enquiry stage at the Resident Magistrates' Court.

SUMMARY OF COURT ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
APRIL 1, 2006 - MARCH 31, 2007

Privy Council

Seven **(7)** Privy Council matters were heard during the period under review. Three **(3)** of the petitions heard were dismissed instantly. Their conviction and sentence stand. One **(1)** conviction was set aside, one **(1)** sentence to death was commuted to life imprisonment, one **(1)** remitted to the Court of Appeal and one **(1)** appeal was allowed.

Nolle Prosequi Granted

The provisions of Section 94(3)(b) and (c) give the Director of Public Prosecutions the power to discontinue prosecution of any case being undertaken in the Resident Magistrates' Courts or the Supreme Court. During the period under review **225 nolle prosequis** were entered. **(See Table 1).**

Murder

A review of the new murder cases listed for trial during the period January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 showed an increasing trend. The review showed that the movement of some of these cases through the courts was encouraging. **(See Table 2 for details).**

Extradition Requests

16 extradition requests were received and there were **8** extraditions. The remaining **8** requests are still being processed. **15** requests were received from the United States of America and **1** from the United Kingdom. **(See Table 3 for more details)**

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties Requests

27 requests were received during the period under review. **26** requests were granted and 1 was refused. 4 requests have been completed. The United Kingdom made **17** of the requests. **(See Table 4).**

Circuit Court Cases

The Department continued to collaborate with the law enforcement officers to ensure that the presentation of evidence for the courts is at the highest level thereby contributing to the delivery of justice in an efficient and timely manner.

Rural Parish Circuits

874 cases were listed for trial, **375** or **42.91%** of the cases were disposed of and **499** or **57.09%** of the cases were traversed to the next term. Murder cases accounted for **306** of the cases listed and sexual offences for **319**. The parishes of St. Elizabeth (**124**), St. Catherine (**114**), and Clarendon (**109**) accounted for the highest number of the cases listed for trial. **(See Table 5, 5a, & 5b for more details).**

Home Circuit Court

786 cases were listed for trial for the term. **169** or **21.50%** cases were disposed of and **617** or **78.50%** of the cases were traversed to the next term. Murder and Capital murder together accounted for **364** - the highest number of cases followed by **183** sexual offences cases. **(See Table 6 for details).**

Gun Court Cases

Corporate Area Gun Court (Kingston, St. Andrew and St. Catherine)

At the start of the review period there were **3955** traversed cases and **626** new cases were filed. During the period a total of **918** cases were disposed of. The Court sat for the entire month of August and **141** cases were disposed of. **(See Table 7 for details, Table 8 for a breakdown of the cases disposed of & Table 8a for a pictorial column chart of the Disposed of cases).**

Rural Gun Court (Clarendon, St. Mary, St. Elizabeth, Manchester, Portland, St. Thomas and St, Ann)

489 cases were listed for trial. **234** or **47.85%** of the cases listed were disposed of. Clarendon, St. Ann and Manchester had the highest number of cases.

(See Table 9).

Regional Gun Court (St. James, Trelawny, Westmoreland and Hanover)

215 new cases were listed for the period. The total number of cases listed for trial was 280. 223 cases or 79.64% of the cases were disposed of and 57 cases were traversed to the next term. St. James with 97 cases accounted for most of the cases or 20.35% of the cases listed for trial. The category "Other" includes cases that were transferred to the Resident Magistrates' Courts or cases for which **Nolle Prosequis** were entered by the Director of Public Prosecutions. (See Table 10).

Files for Rulings

530 files were received from the various bodies for rulings in relation to police excesses in the performance of their duties. The majority of the complaints 264 were received from the Bureau of Special Investigations. Police Public Complaints Authority with 136 was next in line. 569 rulings were made.

From time to time after examination of the files that are received for rulings the Department has to request additional information. Rulings therefore have to be deferred and this situation creates a temporary backlog of files. It follows therefore that at a later date when these files are ruled on (as is the case in the report for this period) the statistics show that rulings for the period are in excess of the files received.

(See Table 11 for details)

TABLE 1

Nolle Prosequi Granted

April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

April – August 2006	September– December 2006	January – March 2006	TOTAL
71	88	66	225

TABLE 2

Overview of Murder Cases

January 8, 2007 - March 31, 2007

	# NEW CASES LISTED	# OF CASES DISPOSED OF	% TAGE
Home Circuit	29	9	31.03%
St. Catherine	3	2	66.67%
Hanover	2	-	00.00%
St. James	3	2	66.67%
Trelawny	-	-	-
St. Thomas	-	-	-
Westmoreland	-	-	-
St. Ann	2	1	50.00%
Clarendon	2	1	50.00%
Manchester	1	1	100.00%
St. Elizabeth	2	-	00.00%
Portland	2	-	00.00%
St. Mary	4	1	25.00%
TOTAL	50	17	34.00%

TABLE 3

Overview of Extradition Requests

April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i># OF CASES</i>	<i>EXTRA- DITED</i>	<i>BEFORE THE COURT</i>	<i>WARRANT WITH POLICE</i>
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	15	7	5	3
UNITED KINGDOM	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	16	8	5	3

TABLE 4

Overview of Mutual Legal Assistance Requests

April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

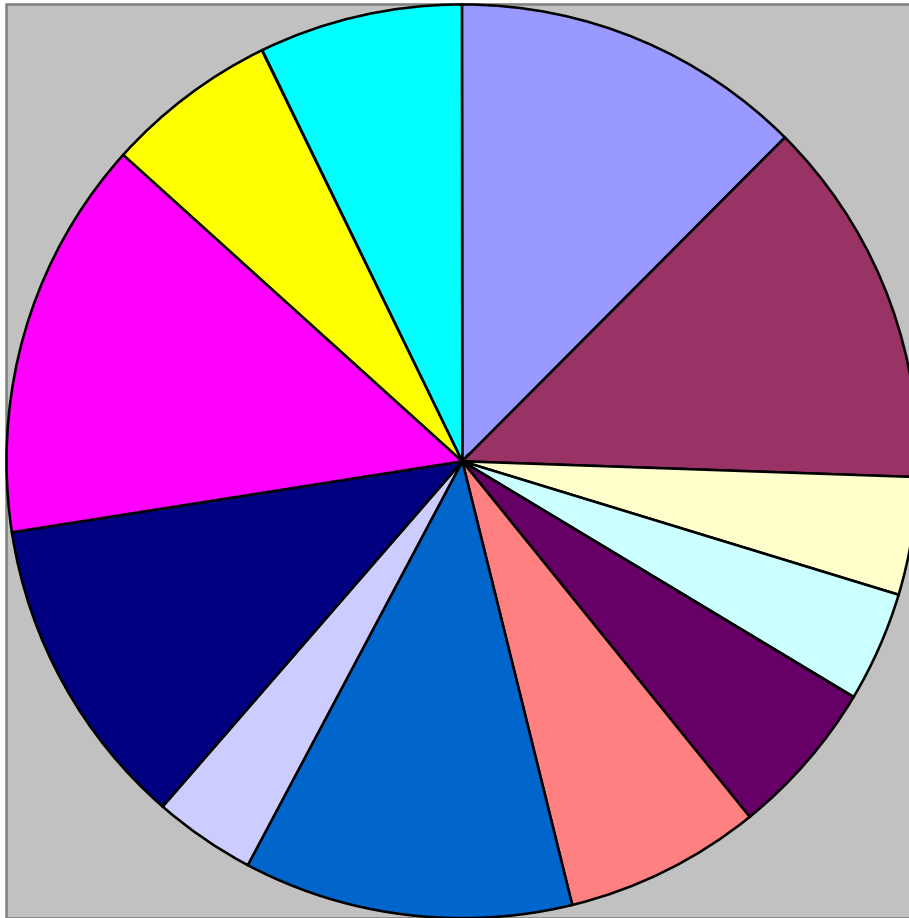
REQUESTING STATE	# OF FILES RECEIVED	REQUEST GRANTED	REQUEST COMPLETED	AWAITING INFO	AWAITING RESULTS	NOT GRANTED
Canada	2	2	-	1	1	-
Columbia	1	1	-	-	1	-
Guatemala	1	1	-	1	-	-
Holland	1	1	-	1	-	-
Netherlands	2	1	-	1	-	1
United Kingdom	17	17	3	4	10	-
United States	3	3	1	1	1	-
TOTAL	27	26	4	9	13	1

TABLE 5
Overview of Parish Circuit Court Cases
April 19, 2006 – March 31, 2007

Parishes	# Cases Listed	# Cases Dis-Posed of	# Cases Tra-Versed	Trans-Fered	Bench War-Rant	Murder	Incest	Rape	Carnal Abuse	Wounding With Intent/ Assault	Man-Slaught /er	Buggery	Other
Clarendon	109	58	51	1	1	46	3	11	33	12	6	1	7
St. Catherine	114	61	53	-	1	32	2	17	41	3	4	3	11
Hanover	36	14	22	1	-	17	-	5	1	9	1	-	3
Trelawny	35	16	19	-	-	12	-	2	10	4	3	-	5
St. Thomas	48	22	26	-	-	14	-	8	11	8	-	2	5
St. Ann	62	27	35	-	-	35	-	5	9	4	1	-	8
St. Mary	102	30	72	1	1	32	1	3	40	14	2	-	10
Portland	31	20	11	1	2	6	-	4	12	3	1	1	4
Westmoreland	96	40	56	-	1	24	2	23	12	13	8	2	12
St. Elizabeth	124	23	101	-	-	47	3	2	26	19	10	2	15
St. James	55	32	23	1	-	24	1	6	9	9	2	3	1
Manchester	62	32	30	-	-	17	-	1	9	16	6	3	10
TOTAL	874	375	499	5	6	306	12	87	203	114	44	17	91

TABLE 5a

***Pictorial Overview of Parish Circuit Court Cases
April 19, 2006 – March 31, 2007***








-  **Clarendon**
-  **St. Catherine**
-  **Hanover**
-  **Trelawny**
-  **St. Thomas**
-  **St. Ann**
-  **St. Mary**
-  **Portland**
-  **Westmoreland**
-  **St. Elizabeth**
-  **St. James**
-  **Manchester**

TABLE 5b

Quarterly Summary of Parish Circuit Court Cases
April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

Review Period	Clarendon	Saint Catherine	Hanover	Trelawny	Saint Thomas	Saint Ann	Saint Mary	Portland	West-moreland	Saint Elizabeth	Saint James	Manchester	Total
April – August '06	45	24	11	11	14	25	31	7	27	36	15	24	270
September – December '06	39	48	12	14	21	16	37	8	35	42	18	21	311
January – March '07	25	42	13	10	13	21	34	16	34	46	22	17	293
TOTAL	109	114	36	35	48	62	102	31	96	124	55	62	874

TABLE 6

Overview of Home Circuit Cases

April 19, 2006 – March 31, 2007

TOTAL CASES LISTED	# CASES DISPOSED OF	# OF CONVICTIONS	# OF ACQUITTALS	# NOLLE PROSEQUI	OTHER	# CASES TRAVERSED
786	169	80	61	14	14	617

Overview of the Home Circuit Cases Traversed

# Cases Traversed	Capital Murder & Murder	Incest	Rape	Carnal Abuse	Wounding With Intent Assault	Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	Man- Slaughter	Human Trafficking	Other
617	364	7	83	93	30	9	15	5	11
	59.00%	1.13%	13.45%	15.07%	4.86%	1.45%	2.43%	0.81%	1.805

TABLE 7

Overview of Corporate Area Gun Court Cases

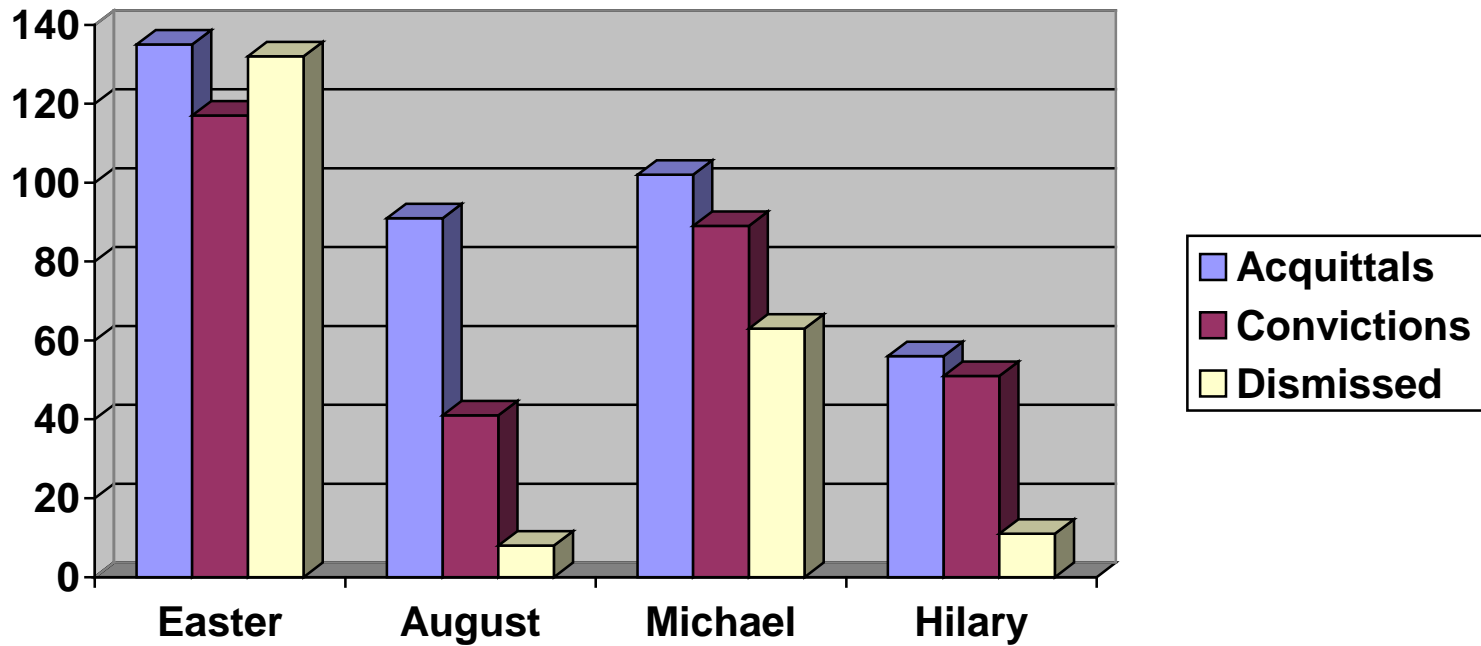
April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
Cases Traversed	3955	3920	3858	3814	3772	3682	3642	3633	3623	3618	3654	3642	
New Cases	49	56	51	54	51	56	43	50	48	56	38	74	626
Total Cases	4004	3976	3909	3868	3823	3738	3685	3683	3671	3674	3692	3716	
Cases Disposed of	84	118	95	96	141	96	52	60	53	20	50	53	918
Cases Pending	3920	3858	3814	3772	3682	3642	3633	3623	3618	3654	3642	3663	

TABLE 8**Breakdown of Corporate Area Gun Court Disposed of Cases****April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007**

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
Acquittals	26	38	36	35	91	35	22	24	21	6	25	25	384
Convictions	26	28	33	30	41	33	13	20	23	10	18	23	298
Dismissed for Want Of Prosecution	28	48	25	31	8	27	15	14	7	2	5	4	214
Transferred	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	6
Adjourned Sine Die	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nolle Prosequi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	4
Deceased	4	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	12
TOTAL	84	118	95	96	141	96	52	60	53	20	50	53	918

**Pictorial Column Chart of
Corporate Area Gun Court Disposed of Cases
April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007**



BREAKDOWN	EASTER TERM	AUGUST	MICHAELMAS TERM	HILARY TERM	TOTAL
Acquittals	135	91	102	56	384
Convictions	117	41	89	51	298
Dismissed for the Want of Prosecutions	132	8	63	11	214

TABLE 9

Overview of Rural Gun Court Cases

April 19, 2006 – March 31, 2007

<i>PARISHES</i>	<i>TOTAL # CASES LISTED</i>	<i>TOTAL # CASES DISPOSED OF</i>	<i>TOTAL # CASES TRAVERSED</i>	<i>TRANS- FERRED</i>	<i>% TAGE DISPOSAL</i>
Clarendon	143	77	66	-	53.86
St. Mary	66	23	43	1	34.85
St. Elizabeth	51	18	33	-	35.29
Manchester	78	29	49	2	37.18
Portland	12	9	3	1	75.00
St. Thomas	60	20	40		33.33
St. Ann	79	58	21	1	73.42
TOTAL	489	234	255	5	47.85%

TABLE 10

Overview of Regional Gun Court Cases

April 18, 2006 – April 5, 2007

PARISHES	CASES BROUGHT FORWARD	NEW CASES	TOTAL # CASES LISTED	TOTAL # CASES DISPOSED OF	% TAGE	TOTAL # CASES TRAVERSED
St. James	34	97	131	102	77.86%	29
Trelawny	7	40	47	41	87.23%	6
Westmoreland	19	53	72	56	77.78%	16
Hanover	5	25	30	24	80.00%	6
TOTAL	65	215	280	223	79.64%	57

SUMMATION

TOTAL # CASES LISTED	TOTAL # CASES DISPOSED OF	# OF CONVICTIONS	# OF ACQUITTALS	OTHER
280	223	83	121	19
%TAGE	79.64%	37.22%	54.26%	8.52%

TABLE 11

Files for Rulings

April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

<i>INVESTIGATIVE BODY</i>	<i>COMPLAINTS RECEIVED</i>	<i>RULINGS</i>	<i>% TAGE DISPOSAL</i>
Bureau of Special Investigation	264	273	
Police Public Complaints Authority	136	139	
Professional Standards Branch	104	115	
Deputy Commissioner, CIB	21	21	
Other	5	21	
TOTAL	530	569	

***** From time to time after examination of the files that are received for rulings the Department has to request additional information. Rulings therefore have to be deferred and this situation creates a temporary backlog of files. It follows therefore that at a later date when these files are ruled on (as is the case in the report for this period) the statistics show that rulings for the period are in excess of the files received.***