



Ref. #: DU-REG001

May 5, 2026

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Dear Miss Bailey,

Re: Access to Information Request regarding Appropriation Accounts for FY 2020/2021, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024

We write in response to your application under the *Access to Information (ATI) Act* dated March 9, 2026, which was further extended to May 8, 2026.

The ATI Act gives people a general right of access to {non-exempt and already existing documents / documented information} that are held by public authorities, to include Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

Your March 9, 2026 Request was:

The 2023/24 Auditor General's Report (subsection 3.2.54) found that the Ministry of Industry, Investment, and Commerce has yet to present six Appropriation Accounts for the financial years 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 to 2023/2024 for a cumulative approved budget of \$15.3 billion. The MIIC was advised to implement systems to ensure the Appropriation Account is prepared and submitted in keeping with statutory deadlines.

The MIIC informed that challenges in recruiting to senior posts accounted for the delays, but that steps are being taken to ensure preparation of the accounts with a projected submission date of May 2025.

The Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal is therefore requesting documentation to substantiate:

1. That the Appropriation Accounts were submitted for the six years, 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 to 2023/2024, to the AuGD by May 2025.
2. If the accounts were not submitted, can the Department share the projected date for each submission?
3. That the two senior posts have been filled.

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The Ministry's response:

1. The Appropriation Accounts were not submitted for the six years 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 to 2023/2024.
2. The Ministry has set a projected submission date for December 2027.
3. In light of the recruitment challenges the Ministry is taking action to put in place arrangements to meet the stated deadline.

Yours sincerely,



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Permanent Secretary