

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

The Access to Information Act will be implemented in four (4) Phases, with **Phase 1** commencing on **January 5, 2003**. The following **seven (7)** Ministries and Agencies will be the vanguards:

Office of the Prime Minister
Cabinet Office
Ministry of Finance & Planning
Ministry of Local Government, Community Development & Sport
Jamaica Information Service
National Works Agency
Planning Institute of Jamaica

Full implementation of the Act is expected to be completed within eighteen (18) months of the commencement date of January 5, 2004, pursuant to S. of the Access to Information (Amendment) Act, 2003. The Act thereafter will automatically apply to such Public Authorities as are not brought under its ambit within that time.