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The Honourable House is asked to note that Cabinet has approved the tabling of the Statistical Reports for the Supreme Court and Parish Courts for the year 2017.

In 2016, the Ministry of Justice, with the assistance of the Government of Canada, through the Justice Undertaking for Social Transformation Programme (the JUST Programme), contracted a senior Statistician on a full time basis at the Supreme Court to develop and expand a data capture process in the Courts across the Island.

This data capture process was enabled by the preparatory work done by the Department of Justice Canada. The Statistician was then able to develop and implement the Court Information Statistical System (CISS) to collect, analyse and report statistical findings of the Courts. Those findings are contained in the Reports being tabled in this Honourable House today.

The Report for the Supreme Court sets out statistics for the:

- 1. High Court Civil Division;
- 2. Matrimonial Division;
- 3. Probate Division;
- 4. Home Circuit Court;
- 5. High Court Division of the Gun Court;
- 6. Commercial Division;
- 7. Aggregate Case Activity and Reserved Judgements; and
- 8. Conclusion and Recommendations

The Report for the Parish Courts sets out statistics for the

- 1. Criminal Cases;
- 2. Criminal Case Demographics; and
- 3. Conclusion and Recommendations

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

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