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**Government Acquires 1,000 Additional Body-Worn Cameras for the Jamaica
Constabulary Force; Further 1,000 to be Procured**

The Government of Jamaica is on track to meet the medium-term goal of providing the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) with 4,000 body-worn cameras (BWCs), reinforcing its commitment to transparency, accountability, and professionalism within the nation's law enforcement framework.

The JCF has received 1,000 BWCs in FY 2025-2026 and is far advanced in the acquisition of an additional 1,000 for FY 2026-2027.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, said the acquisition represents a deliberate policy action aimed at strengthening public trust and supporting effective policing.

"The use of body-worn cameras is a critical component of our broader strategy to modernise the JCF and to promote accountability in police operations. These devices protect the rights of citizens while also safeguarding our police officers as they carry out their duties," Minister Chang said.

This expansion builds on the phased rollout of body-worn cameras and continues to address the operational realities of a force with more than 14,000 officers.

Minister Chang further indicated that this expanded deployment will significantly increase coverage and support frontline and high-risk operations.

"Our intention is to ensure wider and more consistent use of body-worn cameras across the Force. This additional procurement underscores the Government's commitment to responsible, technology-driven policing that enhances public safety and confidence," the Minister added.

Body-worn cameras are an important tool for documenting police-public interactions, strengthening evidence collection, and supporting impartial investigations. Their use also contributes to improved operational standards and greater transparency in law enforcement activities.



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The Ministry of National Security and Peace remains mindful of ongoing discussions surrounding privacy, ethics, and operational use, and continues to engage these matters as part of its approach to balanced and responsible public safety reform.

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