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Parliament Engages Kenema City Council

The Parliamentary Committee on Finance and Economic Development, this week engaged officials of the Kenema City Council who were there to defend their budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2015 in tandem with previous budgetary allocations for 2014. The meeting took place at the Conference Room of the Administrative Building in Parliament.

The Kenema City Council in their previous encounter with Parliament, failed to submit their budget to the Sub-Appropriation Committee on Supply, the reason for which Parliament withheld their budget for the FY 2015.

According to the Chairman, of the committee, Hon. Hassan Sheriff the Constitution of Sierra Leone stipulate that all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies for any year should face and submit to Parliament, all documents that relate to defending their income and expenditure for utilization of previous allocations before new ones are approved.



KCC officials meeting with the Finance Committee

The Chief Administrator, Daniel S. Momoh, in answering to questions before the Committee Members, noted that all donor funds were received by the Ministry of Finance and later disbursements were made to Council for its developmental activities.

After scrutinizing and deliberating on documents presented to the Committee, the Committee ordered the Kenema City Council (KCC) to provide documentations on bank accounts for road maintenance funds; closing bank

statements for all accounts for 2014; own source revenues and money expended for the fiscal year 2014.

The Committee maintained that inspections would be made on the Internal Auditor's report for 2014, to ascertain work done in the City Council. After discussing the budget, the Committee discovered that the documents submitted were incorrect and misleading and the figures full of discrepancies. For this reason the Committee Chairman ordered that the documents presented by a Council be signed by the Commissioner- of- Oath.

The meeting was adjourned until Council finalized its documentations for the consideration of Parliament.

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