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Public Sector Reform Unit Engages Parliament

The Public Sector Reform Unit, PSRU, has engaged Parliamentary Oversight Committees on Defence and Political and Public Affairs in an information session on reform initiatives in the public sector.

Both Committees were selected in order to highlight the important work of the PSRU in transforming the Civil Service and the wider public service into a more efficient sector.

The Chairman of the programme, the Director of Public Relations in Parliament, Cyril Juxon- Smith, on behalf of the Leadership of Parliament, welcomed Members and commended organizers for the interactive session aimed at changing perceptions of the public service.

Supporting the reform process is the World Bank Country Office in Sierra Leone. In his statement, Mr. Perminder P.S. Brar, Country Director World Bank, highlighted the role of the Bank in the reform process. He noted that the World Bank is focusing on supporting the project in right sizing, performance management and pay reforms for civil servants. He pointed out that the Bank has supported the project with seventeen million dollars and that eight million dollars have been disbursed to the Consolidated Fund.

Director of Public Sector Reform Unit, Office of the President, Madam Sidratu Koroma, highlighted their functions and mandate through a power point presentation on public sector reform coordination and management, strategic and structural alignment of MDAs and capacity building, whilst Sahid Conteh from PSRU presented highlights of the pay and performance project of the Civil Service and Mr. Mohamed Jusu, Secretary to the Public Service Commission presented its new strategic direction, covering recruitment and selection in the civil service.

Committee Members commended and welcomed the interactive session on efforts aimed at structuring the Civil Service and called for more interactions in order to archive the objectives of the reform process, with parliamentary buy-in.