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**PRESS RELEASE
HEALTH MINISTER'S BRIEFING TO PARLIAMENT**

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The Office of the Clerk of Parliament notes the Wednesday 18th June, 2014 publication on page five (5) of Awareness Times newspaper captioned “Gross Arrogance & Expired Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits” and wishes to state that the Health and Sanitation Minister’s appearance in Parliament was not, as stated in the said article, “to respond to allegations of incompetence.”

Madam Kargbo’s briefing was at the behest of a Parliament, which, concerned with the unfolding Ebola tragedy, wanted an explanation of actions taken so far, with a view to preventing further loss of lives. The Minister was summoned pursuant to section 107 (2) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act no. 6 of 1991.

We are to note that the Minister’s several hours’ briefing to Parliament threw light on many issues around the outbreak, on which Parliament needed clarification and was satisfied with her presentation on the questions and queries raised.

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For Clerk of Parliament