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Chief Minister to Slash Le 15 billion (USD \$2 million) Wage Bill Left by the former Office of the Chief of Staff

The newly approved Chief Minister, Professor David J. Francis has committed to slash the Le 15 billion (USD \$2 million) wage bill created by the former APC Government at the former Office of the Chief of Staff.

The former Office of the Chief of Staff, which has ceased to exist with the creation of the Office of the Chief Minister, employed 106 staff with an exorbitant wage bill of Le 15 billion (USD \$2 million) per annum. Out of the 106 staff employed by the former Office of the Chief of Staff, ONLY 5 were civil servants and the remaining 101 were politically appointed contractual jobs.

The Chief Minister, Professor David J. Francis, has expressed his determination to cut this exorbitant wage bill created by the former APC Government and to drastically reduce the number of staff.

"We have inherited a battered economy and this new Government cannot afford to maintain offices created in the previous administration based on political compensation. We are going to review the governance structure and every office must be fit for purpose. Our focus is to deliver on the key strategic priorities using a lean structure that is efficient and cost effective. There is no more business as usual," Professor David J. Francis states.

The Government of His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio will continue to cut Government wastage and ensure that there is effective wage bill control mechanism.