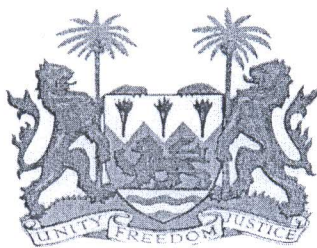


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**FROM:** The Financial Secretary

**TO:** Vote Controllers/Heads of Parastatals & State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs)

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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**Cc:** The Chief Minister  
The Hon. Minister of Finance  
The Hon. Minister of Planning and Economic Development  
The Hon. Deputy Ministers of Finance I&II  
The Hon. Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic Development  
The Secretary to the President  
The Secretary to the Vice President  
The Auditor General  
The Chairman, Parliamentary Finance Committee

**FORMAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE FY2021 BUDGET PROCESS**

We write with respect to the above subject matter and hereby inform you that the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, will be organizing the FY2021 Policy Hearings and Bilateral Budget Discussions as follows:

**1. NATIONAL POLICY HEARINGS TO BE HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE MAIN CONFERENCE HALL, GEORGE STREET, FREETOWN, ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 FROM 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM.**

The Policy Hearings provide opportunity for Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs) including Local Councils, Parastatals and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) to discuss and review updates on key sectoral policies as contained in the National Development Plan. This forum will provide opportunity for sectors including the business community to discuss and exchange ideas on issues relating to budget formulation and execution over the Medium-Term FY 2021 – 2023. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only Ministers of Government, their Vote Controllers (or Representatives), Heads of Departments/Agencies and their Professional Heads (i.e. a maximum of 4 staff per Ministry) should attend the Policy Hearings. All other Staff will participate in the Policy Hearings Via Zoom and other Social Media Platforms or follow the program over live

