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## Statement from Governor Chris Christie's Press Secretary Regarding Today's Budget Presentation from the Office of Legislative Affairs

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**Trenton, NJ** – Press Secretary Michael Drewniak issued the following statement in response to testimony today before the Assembly Budget Committee by Legislative Budget and Finance Officer David J. Rosen of the non-partisan Office of Legislative Services, who said it is “not unreasonable” to assume a budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion:

“The non-partisan Office of Legislative Services today confirmed what we’ve been saying all along - New Jersey is confronting a budget deficit of approximately \$1.3 billion for the balance of the fiscal year. There are no phantom surpluses or face-saving magic numbers to fix the mess we have inherited. Now is the time to move forward and focus on tackling this very real problem head on.”

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