

Date: 26/022019

Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil addressed a letter to the Minister of Telecommunications, Mohammad Choucair, asking him to request from OGERO the submission of its 2019 Draft Budget to the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the laws and regulations in force, and to consider all collection and spending operations to be violating due processes, and requiring, therefore, legal action against OGERO officials.

In his letter, Khalil referred to several letters previously sent to OGERO concerning its budgets, especially budgets between 2015 and 2018, where it would respond by the end of the fiscal year. Minister Khalil indicated that the Ministry of Finance was still waiting for OGERO to submit justification documents for each item included under the spending section of its 2018 Budget and the reasons for the increase, especially the items related to ceremonies, organization, training, research, advisers and advertisement services.

Minister Khalil met also with a delegation from the Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union to discuss their needs and how to provide them with means to support their cause and their integration in the society.