Treasury Transfers to Electricité du Liban A Monthly Snapshot

March 2018

I. Treasury Transfers to EDL in March 2018

In March 2018, treasury transfers to EDL reached LL 211.93 billion, as follows:

\Rightarrow	Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach	LL	192.51	billion
\Rightarrow	Debt Service	LL	0.31	billion
\Rightarrow	Transfers to Electricity Syria	LL	19.10	billion

Table 1: Monthly Treasury transfers to EDL in Jan-Mar 2018

(LL billion)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
EDL of which:	134.45	185.24	211.93	531.61
Debt service (C-Loans and Eurobonds):	1.41	4.13	0.31	5.85
 Principal payments 	0.96	4.02	0.28	5.25
 Interest payments 	0.45	0.11	0.03	0.60
Reimbursement for purchase of gas and fuel	133.04	181.11	192.51	506.66
KPC & SPC	133.04	181.11	192.51	506.66
Transfers to Electricity Syria	0.00	0.00	19.10	19.10

Source: Ministry of Finance

II. Treasury Transfers to EDL in Jan-Mar 2018 in comparison with Jan-Mar 2017

Transfers to EDL in Jan-Mar 2018 were LL 111.80 billion higher than the Jan-Mar 2017 level Transfers in Jan-Mar 2018 were LL 111.80 billion higher than the amount paid in Jan-Mar 2017, which stood at LL 419.81 billion. This was mainly a result of higher payments to KPC and Sonatrach for fuel oil and gas oil purchases.

Table 2: Comparison of Treasury Transfers to EDL

(LL billion)	Jan-Mar 2017	Jan-Mar 201 8	Change	% Change
EDL, of which:	419.81	531.61	111.80	26.6%
Debt Service (C-Loans and Eurobonds):	7.02	5.85	1.17-	-16.7%
-Principal Repayments	6.16	5.25	0.91-	-14.8%
-Interest Payments	0.85	0.60	0.25-	-29.4%
Reimbursement for purchase of gas and fuel	412.79	506.66	93.87	22.7%
· KPC & SPC	412.79	506.66	93.87	22.7%
Transfers to Electricity Syria	-	19.10	19.10	-

Payments to the two oil suppliers in Jan-Mar 2018 were LL 93.87 billion higher than their level during Jan-Mar 2017.

The component "Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach Agreements" reached LL 506.66 billion in Jan-Mar 2018, a rise from LL 412.79 billion in Jan-Mar 2017. This 22.7 percent increase was mainly driven by higher average prices of crude oil and higher quantity of fuel oil.

From a quantity-effect viewpoint:

- % Change in Quantity of Fuel Oil imported: 10.11% ▲
- % Change in Quantity of Gas Oil imported: 2.46 %▼

From a price-effect viewpoint:

	Jan-Mar 2017 Bill	Jan-Mar 2018 Bill
Average Price/Barrel	US\$ 53.83	US\$ 66.91
% Change in weighted average price of crude oil	24.28% 🛦	

III. Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill

▶ EDL contributed 0.6 percent of the total oil bill in Jan-Mar 2018

From a total oil bill of LL 510 billion in Jan-Mar 2018, EDL contributed by 0.6 percent to the cost of gas oil and fuel oil purchase¹. This figure was higher at 2.6 percent during the same period of 2017, out of a lower bill of LL 424 billion. In nominal terms, EDL's contribution was lower in Jan-Mar 2018, amounting to LL 2.84 billion, compared to LL 11.04 billion during the same period in 2017.

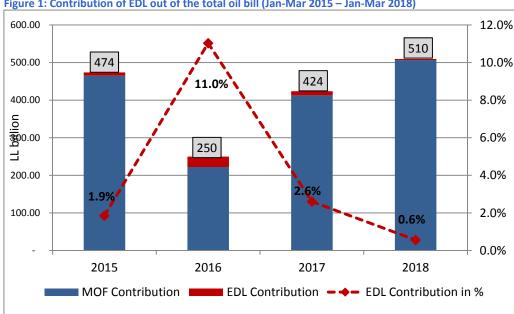


Figure 1: Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill (Jan-Mar 2015 – Jan-Mar 2018)

IV. Shares of "Transfers to EDL" out of Expenditures

Transfers to EDL constituted 10.3 percent of primary expenditures in Jan-Mar 2018

With primary expenditures at LL 5,151 billion, the share of transfers to EDL reached 10.3 percent in Jan-Mar 2018. This share was higher at 11.8 percent in Jan-Mar 2017.

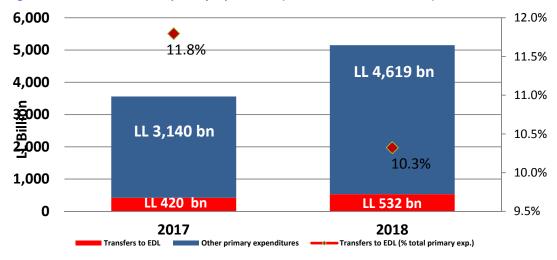


Figure 2: Transfers to EDL out of primary expenditures (Jan-Mar 2017 – Jan-Mar 2018)

¹ The Treasury transferred around LL 531.61 billion to cover EDL's deficit in Jan-Mar 2018. Out of this amount, around LL 506.66 billion represented the Treasury transfer to purchase gas oil and fuel oil (as shown in Table 2). However, the total oil bill for Jan-Mar 2018 amounted to LL 510 billion, which correspond to LL 506.66 billion of Treasury transfers plus LL 2.84 billion of payments made by EDL.