Treasury Transfers to Electricité du Liban A Monthly Snapshot March 2020

I. Treasury Transfers to EDL in March 2020

▶ *In March* 2020, treasury transfers to EDL reached LL 161.09 billion, as follows:

 \Rightarrow Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach LL 160.81 billion \Rightarrow Debt Service LL 0.28 billion

Table 1: Monthly Treasury transfers to EDL in Jan-March 2020

(LL billion)	Jan	Feb	March	Total
EDL of which:	286.35	7.61	161.09	455.05
Debt service (C-Loans and Eurobonds):	1.31	0.00	0.28	1.59
 Principal payments 	0.94	0.00	0.25	1.20
 Interest payments 	0.36	0.00	0.03	0.39
Reimbursement for purchase of gas and fuel	285.04	7.61	160.81	453.46
KPC & SPC	285.04	7.61	160.81	453.46

Source: Ministry of Finance

II. Treasury Transfers to EDL in Jan-March 2020 in comparison with Jan-March 2019

Transfers to EDL in Jan-March 2020 were LL 12.43 billion higher than the Jan-March 2019 level

Transfers in Jan-March 2020 were LL12.43 billion higher than the amount paid in Jan-March 2019, which stood at LL 442.62 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-March 2019	Jan-March 2020	Change	% Change
EDL, of which:	442.62	455.05	12.43	2.8%
Debt Service (C-Loans and Eurobonds):	1.35	1.59	0.24	17.4%
-Principal Repayments	0.94	1.20	0.25	26.8%
-Interest Payments	0.41	0.39	0.02-	-4.4%
Reimbursement for purchase of gas and fuel	441.27	453.46	12.20	2.8%
· KPC & SPC	441.27	453.46	12.20	2.8%

▶ Payments to the two oil suppliers in Jan-March 2020 were LL 12.20 billion higher than their level during Jan-March 2019.

The component "Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach Agreements" reached LL 453.46 billion in Jan-March 2020, a rise from LL 441.27 billion in Jan-March 2019. This 2.8 percent increase was mainly driven by higher quantity of fuel oil.

• From a quantity-effect viewpoint:

○ % Change in Quantity of Fuel Oil imported: 14.56% ▲

o % Change in Quantity of Gas Oil imported: 23.61% ▼

• From a price-effect viewpoint:

	Jan-March 2019 Bill	Jan-March 2020 Bill
Average Price/Barrel	US\$ 63.18	US\$ 51.22
% Change in weighted average price of crude oil	18.934% ▼	

III. Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill

▶ EDL contributed 0.03 percent of the total oil bill in Jan-March 2020

From a total oil bill of LL 454 billion in Jan-March 2020, EDL contributed by around 0.03 percent to the cost of gas oil and fuel oil purchase¹. This figure was higher at 0.75 percent during the same period of 2019, out of a lower bill of LL 445 billion. In nominal terms, EDL's contribution was lower in Jan-March 2020, amounting to LL 0.12 billion, compared to LL 3.34 billion during the same period in 2019.

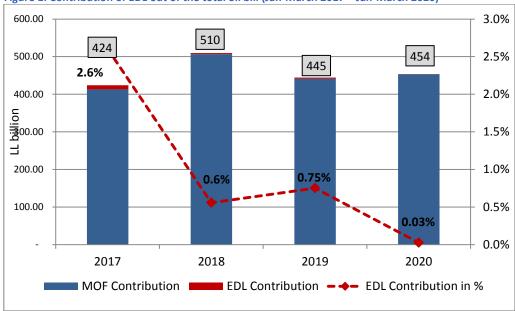


Figure 1: Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill (Jan-March 2017 – Jan-March 2020)

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

▶ Transfers to EDL constituted 10.4 percent of primary expenditures in Jan-March 2020

With primary expenditures at LL 4,376 billion, the share of transfers to EDL reached 10.4 percent in Jan-March 2020. This share was higher at 11.5 percent in Jan-March 2019.

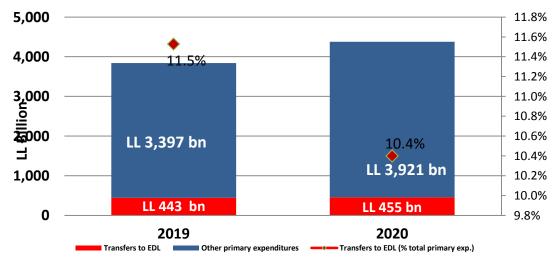


Figure 2: Transfers to EDL out of primary expenditures (Jan-March 2019 – Jan-March 2020)

The Treasury transferred around LL 455.05 billion to cover EDL's deficit in Jan-March 2020. Out of this amount, around LL 453.46 billion represented the Treasury transfer to purchase gas oil and fuel oil (as shown in Table 2). However, the total oil bill for Jan-March 2020 amounted to LL 453.58 billion, which correspond to LL 453.46 billion of Treasury transfers plus LL 0.12 billion of payments made by EDL.