# Treasury Transfers to Electricité du Liban A Monthly Snapshot March 2021

### I. Treasury Transfers to EDL in March 2021

In March 2021, treasury transfers to EDL reached LL 218.08 billion, as follows:

 $\Rightarrow$  Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach LL 217.79 billion  $\Rightarrow$  Debt Service LL 0.29 billion

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

43.23	66.49	218.08	327.80
0.00	0.00	0.29	0.29
0.00	0.00	0.27	0.27
0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02
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Source: Ministry of Finance

## II. Treasury Transfers to EDL in Jan-March 2021 in comparison with Jan-March 2020

Transfers to EDL in Jan-March 2021 were LL 127.25 billion lower than the Jan-March 2020 level

Transfers in Jan-March 2021 were LL 127.25 billion lower than the amount paid in Jan-March 2020, which stood at LL 455.05 billion. This was mainly a result of lower payments to KPC and Sonatrach for fuel oil and gas oil purchases.

**Table 2: Comparison of Treasury Transfers to EDL** 

(LL billion)	Jan-March 2020	Jan-March 2021	Change	% Change
EDL, of which:	455.05	327.80	-127.25	-28%
Debt Service (C-Loans and Eurobonds):	1.59	0.29	-1.30	-81.8%
-Principal Repayments	1.20	0.27	-0.93	-77.8%
-Interest Payments	0.39	0.02	-0.37	-94%
Reimbursement for purchase of gas and fuel	453.46	327.52	-125.95	-27.8%
· KPC & SPC	453.46	327.52	-125.95	-27.8%

Payments to the two oil suppliers in Jan-March 2021 were LL 125.95 billion lower than their level during Jan-March 2020.

The component "Reimbursement of KPC and Sonatrach Agreements" reached LL 327.52 billion in Jan-March 2021, a fall from LL 453.46 billion in Jan-March 2020. This 27.8 percent decrease was mainly driven by lower average prices of crude oil and higher quantity of fuel oil.

#### • From a quantity-effect viewpoint:

o % Change in Quantity of Fuel Oil imported: 32.36% ▼

o % Change in Quantity of Gas Oil imported: 3.70 % ▼

#### • From a price-effect viewpoint:

	Jan-March 2020 Bill	Jan-March 2021 Bill
Average Price/Barrel	US\$ 51.22	US\$ 63.31
% Change in weighted average price of crude oil	23.60% 🛦	

#### III. Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill

#### ▶ EDL contributed 0.40 percent of the total oil bill in Jan-March 2021

From a total oil bill of LL 328.85 billion in Jan-March 2021<sup>1</sup>, EDL contributed by around 0.40 percent to the cost of gas oil and fuel oil purchase. This figure was lower at 0.03 percent during the same period of 2020, out of a higher bill of LL 453.58 billion. In nominal terms, EDL's contribution was only LL 0.03 billion during the same period in 2020.

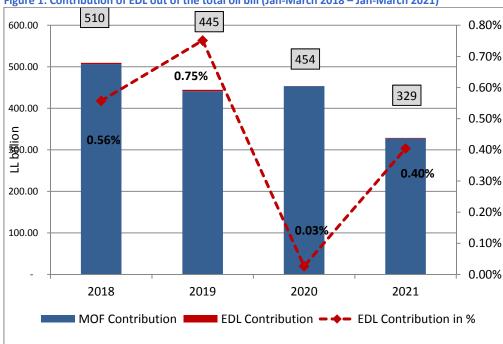


Figure 1: Contribution of EDL out of the total oil bill (Jan-March 2018 – Jan-March 2021)

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

#### ▶ Transfers to EDL constituted 8.4 percent of primary expenditures in Jan-March 2021

With primary expenditures at LL 3,904 billion, the share of transfers to EDL reached 8.4 percent in Jan-March 2021. This share was higher at 10.4 percent in Jan-March 2020.

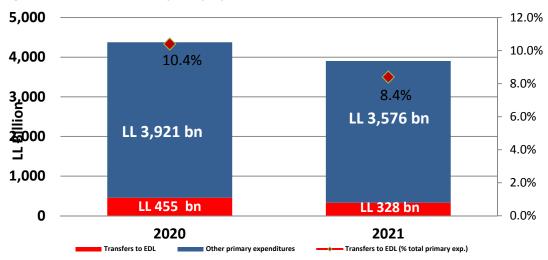


Figure 2: Transfers to EDL out of primary expenditures (Jan-March 2020 – Jan-March 2021)

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The Treasury transferred around LL 327.52 billion to cover EDL's deficit in Jan-March 2021. This entire amount represented the Treasury transfer to EDLI (as shown in Table 2). However, the total oil bill for Jan-March 2021 amounted to LL 328.85 billion, which correspond to LL 327.52 billion of Treasury transfers plus LL 1.33 billion of payments made by EDL.